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THE SPARTAN

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1960-61

To Each of You-Thank You- for Your Efforts

Presented by the

Senior Class

Sparta High School

Sparta, North Carolina

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Foreword

Inspired by the splendid success of our Yellow Jackets this season, we, the class of '61, have endeavored to honor them with this yearbook—a trophy of memories for all of us, both now and in the years ahead. As we complete this year, the first quarter in the game of life, we don a uniform of faith and hope to carry the ball of success in the future.

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He has been with us only two years, but we have all grown to love him. His wisdom and understanding have led us up the long road to maturity.

Through his knowledge and guidance, we have learned the true meaning of sportsmanship, loyalty, and school spirit.

He has taught us to play the game fairly whether we win or not, for the real winner is the one who takes a defeat cheerfully.

In appreciation for his guidance and understanding, we, the Senior Class of 1961, dedicate this, our annual, with humble thanks, to COACH EARL BRADLEY; who led our "Yellow Jackets" through an undefeated season and the championship of the Yadkin Valley Conference.

Kim Andrews--Bobby Shepherd

"Preparing for the day."

"Last minute review."

CLASS SONG
NOW IS THE HOUR

Now is the hour when we must say good-by,
Soon we'll be leaving dear old Sparta High.
May future years be filled with joy and peace,
And may we never know no great defeat.

Now as the years of life go drifting by,
We'll ne're forget you, dear old Sparta High.
With all our work, our pleasures and our thrills,
We'll always remember you throughout the years.

Lord take our life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill out our pathways with great love devine.
Thou art our Guiding Star from up above,
Take us and fill our hearts with peace and love.

By: MELVIN MILES

"Seniors hard at work."

ADMINISTRATION

Administration

MR. JOHN E. RUFTY
Superintendent

MR. R. H. WALKER
Principal

Faculty

MR. EARL BRADLEY

MRS. PATTY RAE BUSIC

MR. RALPH B. CHEEK

MR. CHARLES DEAN CHOATE

MRS. MAYBELLINE CHOATE

MRS. REBECCA CHOATE

MR. JOE B. COX

MRS. THELMA DAVIS

Faculty

MRS. FLORA DUTTON

MRS. PAULINE DOUGHTON

MR. CHARLES DOLINGER

MRS. JOHNNY DALE GAMBILL

MR. ROY ELLISON

MRS. UNA LEE EDWARDS

MRS. EULA HAUSER

MRS. BEATRICE GENTRY

Faculty

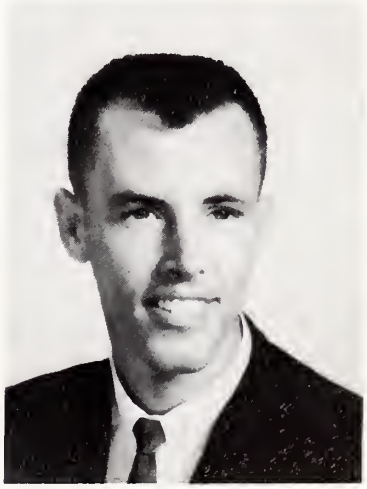
MRS. REBA HOWELL

MRS. MINNIE LOU IRWIN

MRS. MARJORIE JOINES

MR. GOERGE KEITH

MISS CAROL SUE KENNEDY

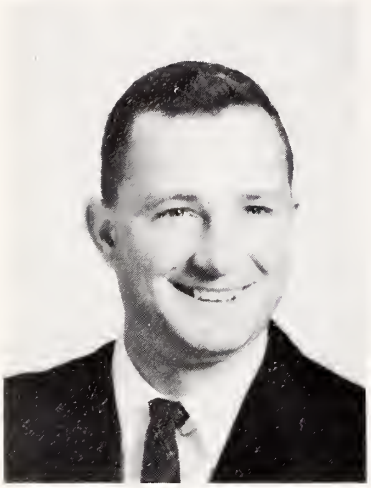


MR. REX KILBY

MRS. KATHLEEN MAXWELL

MRS. BESSIE McMILLIAN

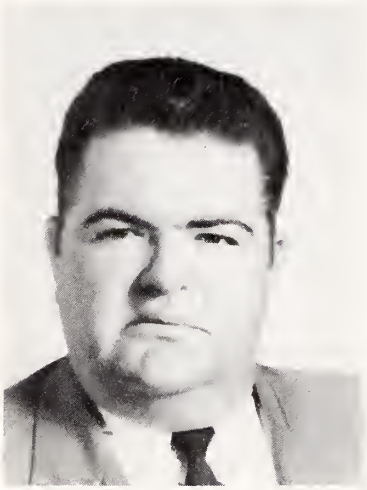
Faculty



MR. JOHN MILLER

MRS. EDITH MAE MOXLEY

MR. WILLARD MOXLEY



MR. JOHN F. NORMAN

MRS. BLANCHE OSBORNE

MRS. EDITH OSBORNE

MRS. GRACE RECTOR

MRS. GRACE SINGLETARY

Faculty

MISS IVAZELLE TAYLOR

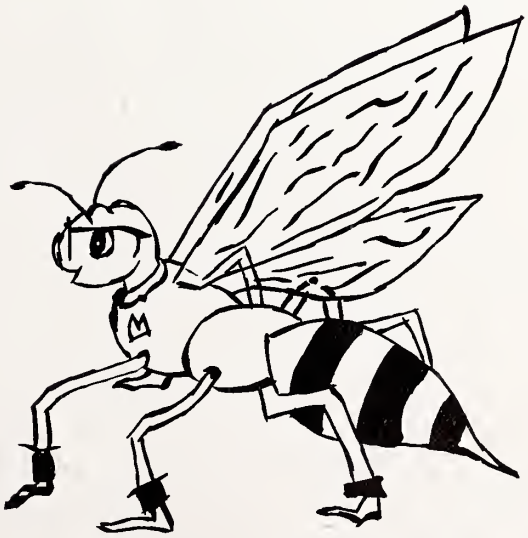
MISS MILDRED TAYLOR

MRS. RACHEL THOMPSON

MRS. HAZEL TOMPKINS

MRS. EVELYN TRUITT

MRS. OUIDA WILLIS



Senior Class '60-'61

SENIORS

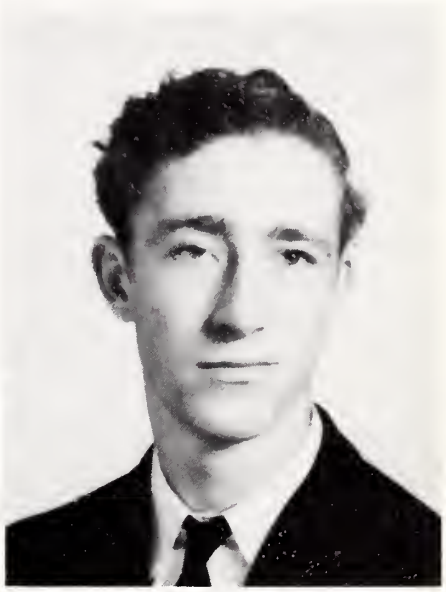
CHARLES EDWARDS. . . . . President
CARLYLE SHEPHERD. . . . . Vice-President
POLLY LUCAS. . . . . Secretary
BARNEY FOLGER. . . . . Treasurer
JEAN TOLIVER. . . . . Reporter

SENIORS

Class of '61

DAVID FRANKLIN ANDREWS
"Don't trouble trouble, till trouble troubles you."

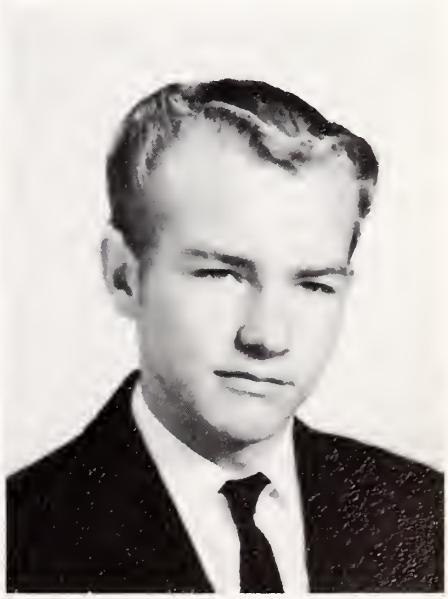
MARGARET LEE ANDREWS
"If you can't be the biggest tree in the forest, be the prettiest little bush."



ROY AYERS, JR.
"I wish the man who invented work would finish it."

BILLY JOE BARE
"Happiness seems made to be shared."

LINDA LOU BAUGUS
"Today well lived, makes our yesterdays dreams of happiness, and our tomorrows a vision of hope."



CECIL RAY BILLINGS
"Have knowledge, will travel."

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MYRTLE ALICE BLEVINS
"Pleasure fills our youthful years, why study if it interferes?"

PRECIOUS FLORA BRADY
"I was cut out to be an angel, but someone lost the pattern."

JIMMY LEO BRINEGAR
"The future is more important than the past."

ROBERT KYLE CAUDILL
"If silence is golden, I'm rich."

BETTY JO CHOATE
"This is a girl who is hard to beat; nice and jolly and always sweet."

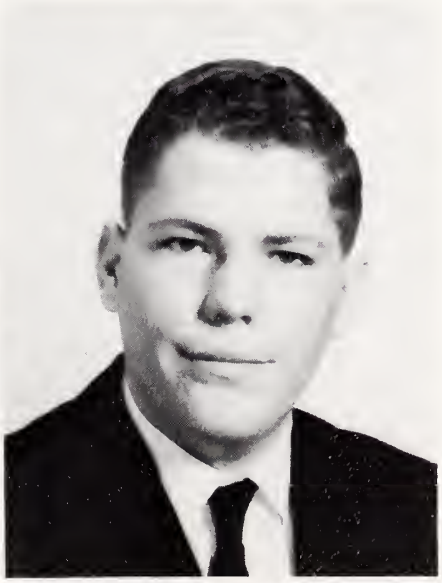
BARBARA LOU COMBS
"Leave silence to saints, I am but human."

WANDA SUE COMBS
"Smile and the world smiles with you, cry and cry alone."

GRADY CLYDE CRANFORD
"Good things come in small packages."

LINDA JO CRITCHER
"All the world loves a smile."

BILLY WAYNE CROUSE
"A one-gal man of the muscular type, to play football is his delight."



ROBERT DALE CROUSE
"Virtue is the only sign of success."

NANCY ELIZABETH CROUSE
"Make the best of today and work for the better tomorrow."

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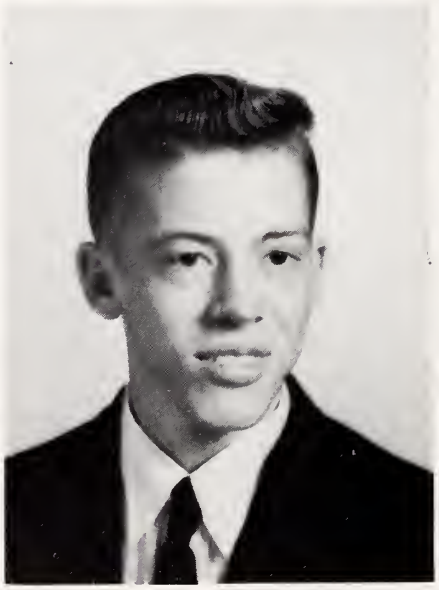
NANCY JANE CROUSE
"Why cry over spilt milk when it is already four-fifths water."

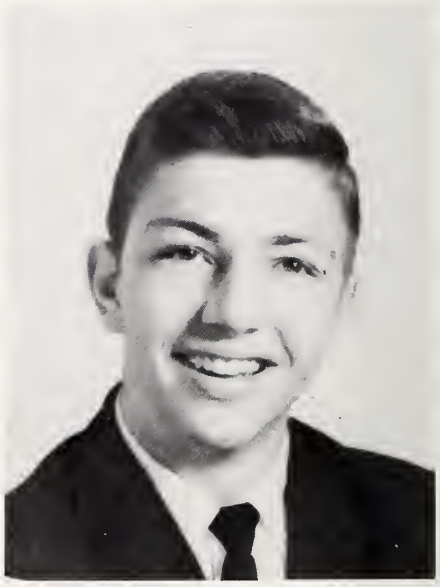
CHARLES DEAN EDWARDS
"His care was never to offend, and every person was his friend."

BETTIE LOU EVANS
"It is better to wear out in mischief than to rust in being to solemn."

IVA MAE EVANS
"Beware of the easy road, it always leads down."



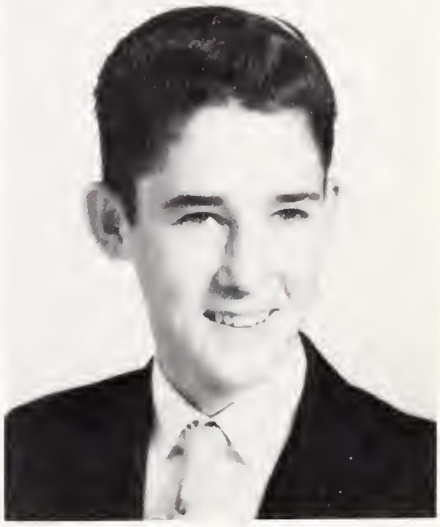
DAVID REID FENDER
"A quiet friend is the best kind to have."



WORTH BARNARD FOLGER
"A good athlete, a good sport, a gentlemen, nuff said."

CARROLL LEE GENTRY
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you, only do it first."

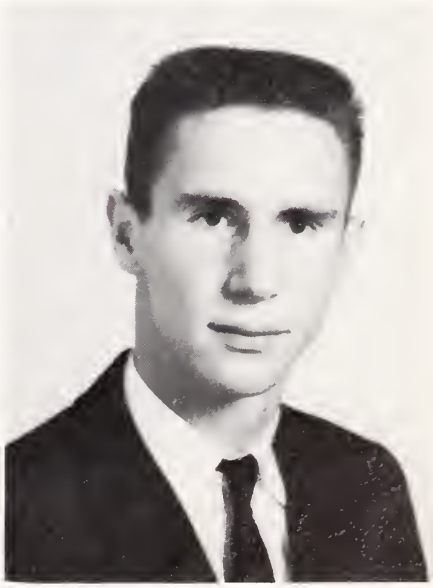
MARY ALICE HICKS
"A friendly smile and a 'Hello' will make you friends wherever you go."



JOSEPH HIGGINS
"Cars are made of steel, but buses are made of plastic."

ROBERT TYRA HOLLOWAY
"I believe in work, but I'm not in favor of it."

JOHN RAY HUDSON
"Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today."



TED WAYNE HUDSON
"Be always sure you're right, then go ahead."

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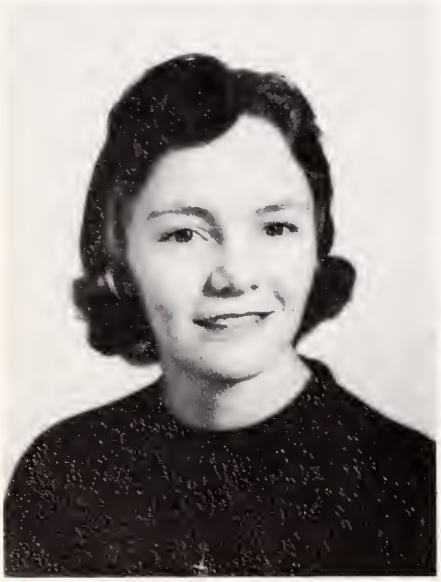
EMMA EARLENE JARVIS
"Sunshine and happiness in her personality are found."

BILLY CARROLL JOHNSON
"Where there is a will, there is a way."

JOHN WILLIAM LEE, III
"I love to live and learn."



PAULINE ELIZABETH LUCAS
"It's better to love one boy lots, than to love lots of boys little."

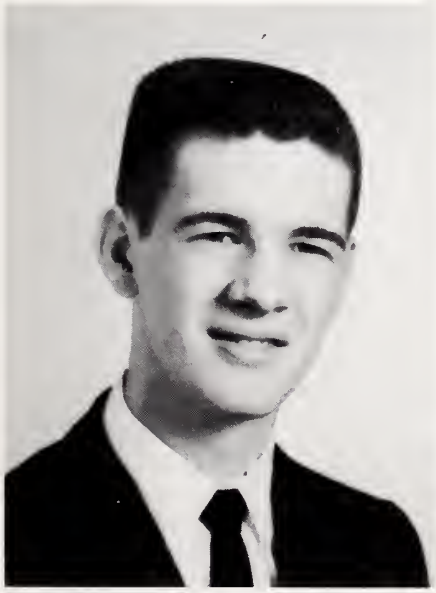
CONNIE LEE LYON
"Work fascinates me; I could sit all day and look at it."

DONALD WAYNE LYONS
"Never worry about tomorrow; it will be gone the day after."

JERRY DEAN MABE
"The secret of being a bore is to tell everything."

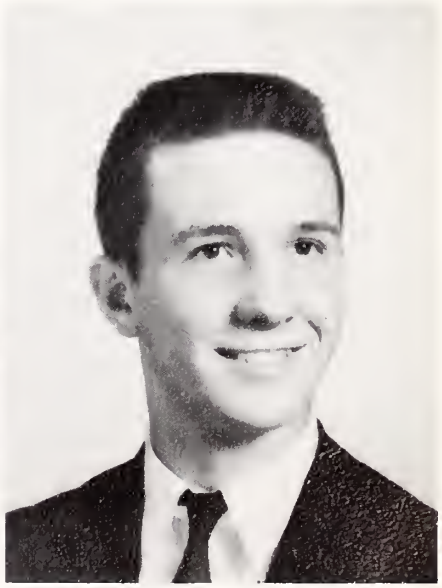
WANDA LOU MAINES
"Life is what you make it."

DWAYNE RICHARD MEDLEY
"Remember the good old days."



MELVIN MARTIN MILES
"Faith leads to success."

FLOYD RAY MURPHY
"Take it easy, and have your fun, and let the old world flicker on."



JOE THOMAS OSBORNE
"Love many; trust none; stay single and have fun."

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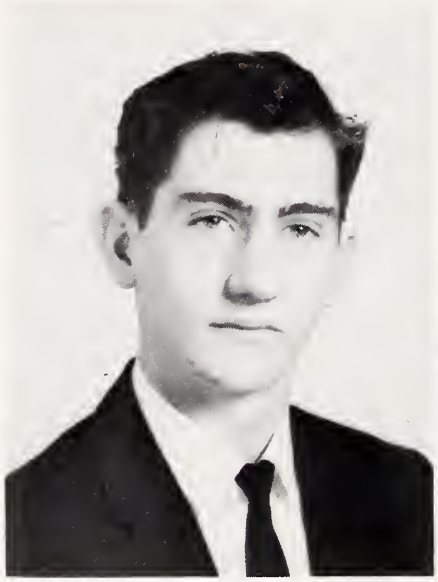
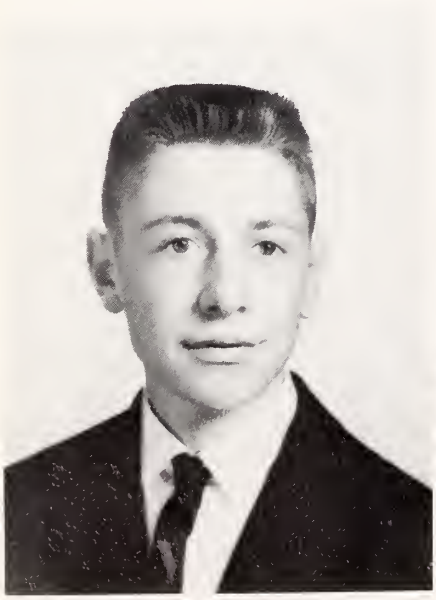
EDITH CAROLYN OWEN
"A smile is a gentle curve that can set a lot of things straight."



GARY BRUCE PARLIER
"If you fall down don't pick yourself up, just throw away the bottle and sober up."

LARRY NINEVEH PRESNELL
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."



LARRY WAYNE PRUITT
"It does not take much strength to do things, but it requires a great deal of strength to decide on what to do."

RONNIE EUGENE RASH
"Don't tell your friends anything that you don't want your enemies to know."

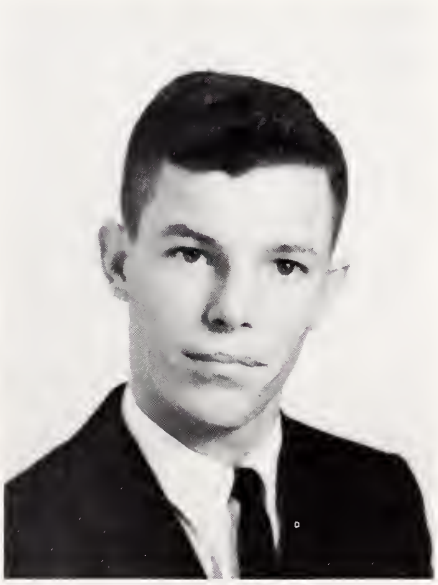
LARRY CLIFFORD RECTOR
"I'll try anything once."

MARY CECIL RECTOR
"A good name is worth more than great riches."

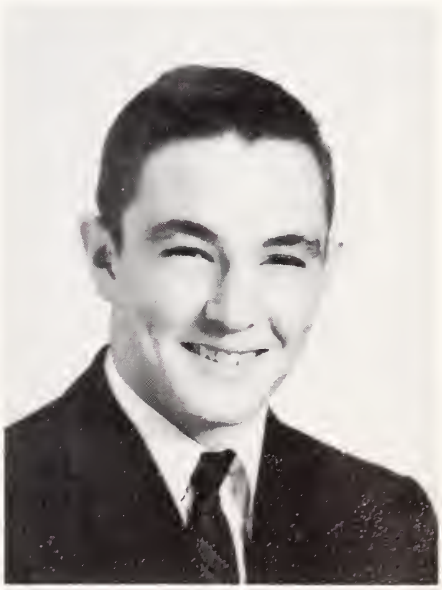
DENNIS WILLIAM REEVES
"Keep your hand on the throttle and your eyes on the fence post."

WALTER HAROLD ROYALL
"Here is another bead on the string of confusion."

JERRY DEAN SANDERS
"I believe in work, but I'm not in favor of it."



JAMES LACY SCOTT
"He would fight a rattlesnake and give it the first two bites."



CARLYLE McARTHUR SHEPHERD
"Winning is not everything, it is the only thing."

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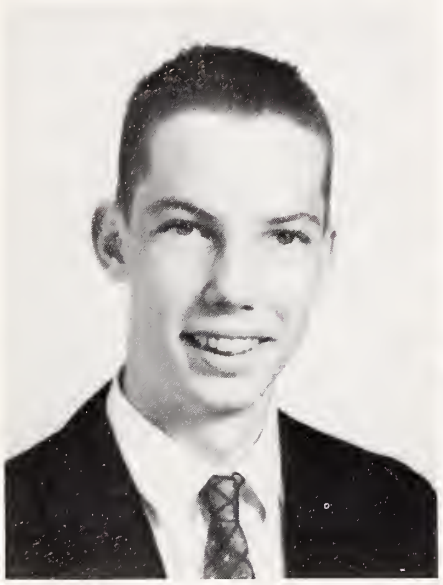


CARROLL DEAN SPARKS
"Do unto others before they do unto you."

CYNTHIA ELLEN SWISHER
"Don't stare up the steps to success, step up the stairs."

JOE REEVES TILLEY
"The time to be happy is now and the place to be happy is right here."

NORMA JEAN TOLIVER
"To have friends you must be a friend."

WAYNE STEVENSON TRIPLETT
"Be prepared."

BARBARA JANE TRUITT
"Gather the crumbs of happiness and they will make you a loaf of contentment."

PATSY RAE TRUITT
"Hurry and worry are not my creed; things will happen so what's the need."

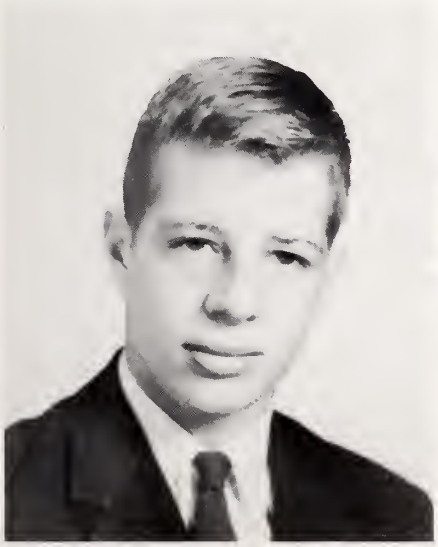
GERALD BOYD WILLIAMS
"The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as it is in what direction we are headed."

PEGGY JEAN WILLIAMS
"Always laughing, never sad; sometimes naughty, but never bad."

EVA IRENE WOOD
"The days of our youth are the days of our glory for memories always linger."

NORMA JEAN WOODRUFF
"Healthy, happy, the best of sports, you seldom see her out of sorts."

CAROL SUE WYATT
"What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness."



ANDREW YASINSAC, II
"Tomorrow's todays's greatest labor saver."

Senior Statistics

DAVID ANDREWS

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 1; Baseball 2; Football Manager 1; Basketball 1.

MARGARET ANDREWS

Class Reporter 2; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Candidate 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Chapter President 4; Student Librarian 4.

ROY AYERS

Agriculture 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4.

BILL BARE

F.F.A. 2; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Halloween King Candidate 1; Senior Superlative.

LINDA BAUGUS

F.H.A. 2, 3, 4, Officer 3; Monogram 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 2; Senior Superlative.

RAY BILLINGS

Bus Driver 4; Basketball 2.

PRECIOUS BRADY

F.T.A. 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4, President 2, Reporter 4; Beta Club 2, 3; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Annual Staff 4; Senior Superlative.

JIMMY BRINEGAR

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, Secretary 2; Dairy Judging Team 2; Bus Drivers Club 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2.

KYLE CAUDILL

F.F.A. 4; Bus Drivers Club 2, 3, 4.

BETTY JO CHOATE

Basketball 1, 2; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 2; Reporter 3; Halloween Queen Candidate 1.

BARBARA COMBS

F.H.A. 2, 3, 4, Secretary and Treasurer 2; Assistant Librarian 4.

DEAN COMBS

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

WANDA SUE COMBS

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1.

GRADY CRANFORD

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, Vice-President 2, Sentinel 3.

LINDA JO CRITCHER

F.H.A. 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Giftorian 3; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4, Historian 3, Secretary 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Basketball Manager 4; Annual Staff 4; Editor 4; Senior Superlative; Class Prophetess.

BILLY WAYNE CROUSE

Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Sentinel 2, 4; Bus Drivers Club 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 2; 4-H Senior Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Superlative.

BOBBY CROUSE

Monogram Club 3; Basketball Manager 3, 4; Baseball Manager 3; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Club Treasurer 1.

NANCY ELIZABETH CROUSE

F.T.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Home Economics Club 1, 2; Office Assistant 4.

NANCY JANE CROUSE

F.H.A. 2, 3, 4, Song Leader 4; F.T.A. 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3.

CHARLES EDWARDS

Class President 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, 4, Vice-President 3; Dairy Judging Team 2, 3, 4; Land Judging Team 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3; Bus Driver 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Senior Superlative.

BETTIE LOU EVANS

F.H.A. 2, 3, 4, Chapter Historian 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Student Librarian 4.

IVA MAE EVANS

F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3.

DAVID FENDER

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2.

BARNEY FOLGER

Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Bus Drivers Club 3, 4; Chief Junior Marshal; Manager Annual Advertising Staff; Class President 1, Treasurer 4; Junior Varsity Baseball and Basketball 1.

CARROLL GENTRY

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4.

MARY ALICE HICKS

Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Song Leader 2, Vice-President 4; Halloween Candidate 2; Chief Junior Marshal; Class Reporter 3; Annual Staff 4; Senior Superlative; Class Historian 4.

JOE HIGGINS

Bus Driver 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3.

BOBBY HOLLOWAY

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President; Senior 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOHNNY HUDSON

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2.

TED WAYNE HUDSON

Bus Drivers Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

EARLENE JARVIS

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Basketball 1.

BILLY JOHNSON

Football 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; Bus Drivers Club 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Senior Statistics

JOHN WILLIAM LEE, III

Beta Club 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Semi-finalist for National Merit Scholarship 4; Attended Summer Science Institute at A.S.T.C. 2; Attended Advanced Biology Class at Western Carolina College 3; Senior Superlative.

POLLY LUCAS

F.T.A. 3. 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Candidate 2; Cheerleader 1, 2; Monogram Club 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Reporter 1; Class Secretary 2, 4; Senior Superlative.

CONNIE LEE LYON

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Sentinel 1; Football 2; Basketball 1.

WAYNE LYONS

Football 1; Basketball 1; Annual Staff 4.

DEAN MABE

F.F.A. 1, 2.

WANDA MAINES

F.H.A. 1, 2; Basketball 1.

DWAYNE MEDLEY

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3; Baseball 1; Bus Driver 3, 4.

MELVIN MILES

F.T.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 2, 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1; Bus Drivers Club 3, 4; Junior Marshal; Annual Staff; Basketball Scorekeeper 3, 4; Senior Superlative; Class Song.

FLOYD MURPHY

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Manager 1; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Sentinel 2, Treasurer 3, Secretary 4; Secretary of the State Federation in F.F.A. 4.

JOE OSBORNE

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram 3, 4; Bus Drivers Club 4.

CAROLYN OWEN

Assistant Librarian 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. Club 2, 3, 4.

GARY PARLIER

Football 1.

LARRY PRESNELL

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Drivers Club 4.

LARRY PRUITT

F.F.A. 1, 2; Bus Drivers Club 3, 4.

RONNIE RASH

Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1.

LARRY RECTOR

Football 1, 4; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3.

MARY RECTOR

Basketball 1; F.H.A. 1, 2.

DENNIS REEVES

Football 1, 4; Baseball 1; Basketball 1; Monogram Club 4; Bus Driver 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; Senior Superlative.

JERRY SANDERS

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 2; Basketball 2; Football 2, 3; Class Vice-President 2.

JAMES SCOTT

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; Bus Drivers Club 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball J. V. 1.

CARLYLE SHEPHERD

Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 3, 4; F.F.A. 1; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 3, 4, President 4; Junior Marshal; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Bus Drivers Club 3, 4; Baseball 3; Class Treasurer 1; Class Vice-President 4; Annual Staff 4; Senior Superlative.

CARROLL SPARKS

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 1, 2, 4.

CYNTHIA SWISHER

Manatee High School; Science Club 2; Latin Club 2; Choir 2; Youth For Christ Club 2; Sparta High School; Beta Club 3, 4, President 4; F.H.A. 3, 4, Parliamentarian 4; Student Librarian 3, 4; Senior Superlative.

JOE TILLEY

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Monogram Club 4.

JEAN TOLIVER

Monogram Club 4; F.T.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Class Vice-President 1; Class Treasurer 3; Class Reporter 4; Junior Marshal; Homecoming Candidate 3; Senior Superlative.

WAYNE TRIPLETT

Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Baseball 1; 4-H Club 1, 2.

BARBARA TRUITT

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Marshal; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Co-Editor 4.

PATSY TRUITT

Class Poet.

GERALD WILLIAMS

F.F.A. 1, 2; Bus Driver 3, 4.

PEGGY JEAN WILLIAMS

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EVA WOOD

Reynolds High School; Freshman Service Club 1; Sophoteers 2; Junior Red Cross 1, 2; Basketball 2; Sparta High School; F.H.A. 3, 4.

NORMA JEAN WOODRUFF

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; F.T.A. 1, 2, 4.

CAROL SUE WYATT

Basketball 1; Student Librarian 1, 3; F.H.A. 2, 3, Vice-President 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Executive Committee 4; Class Vice-President 3.

ANDREW YASINSAC

Boone; Audio-Visual Aids Club 1; Science Club 2; Football 2; Beta Club 2; Sparta High School; Beta Club 3, 4; Basketball 3; Baseball 3; Beta Club Vice-President 4; Annual Staff 4; Bus Drivers Club 3; Monogram Club 3, 4; Football 3, 4.

HAROLD ROYALL

Beta Club 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2; Bus Driver 4.

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BEST LOOKING
Mary Alice Hicks
Billy Wayne Crouse

BEST PERSONALITY
Jean Toliver
Charles Edwards

BEST ALL AROUND
Precious Brady
Carlyle Shepherd

Superlatives

WITTIEST
Polly Lucas
Dennis Reeves

MOST DEPENDABLE
Linda Jo Critcher
Melvin Miles

NEATEST
Linda Baugus
Bill Bare

Senior Superlatives

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Precious Brady
Barney Folger

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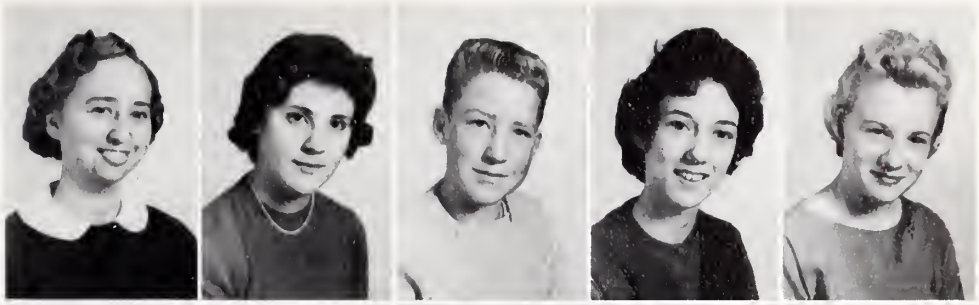

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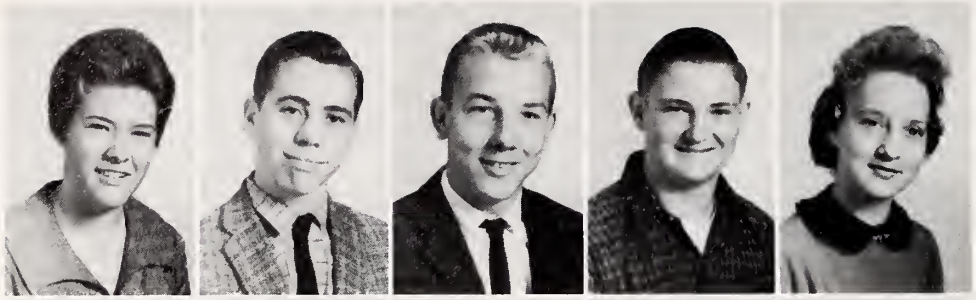

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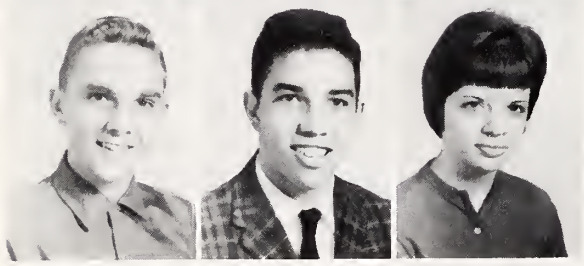

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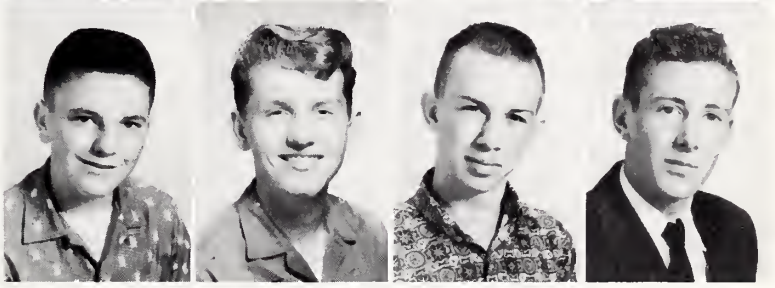

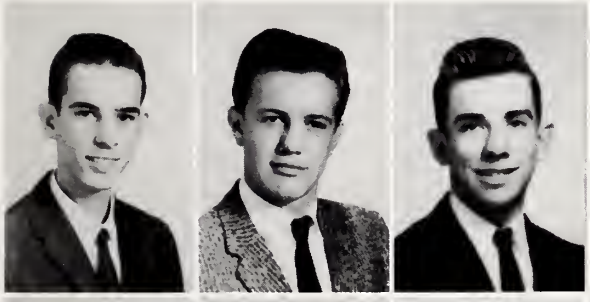

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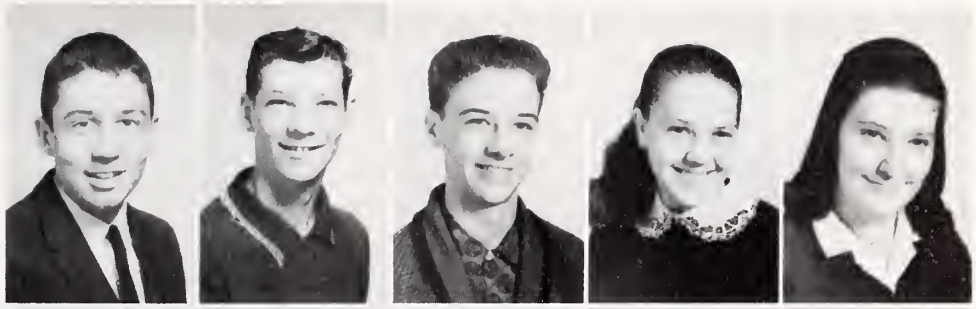

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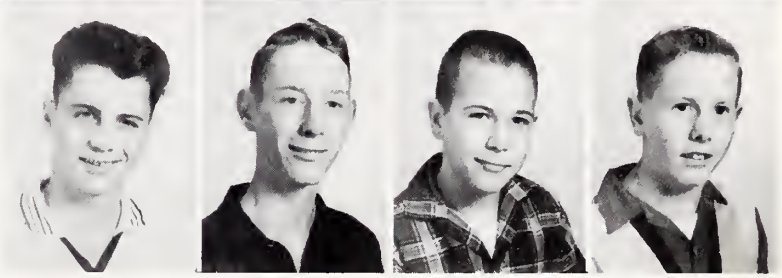

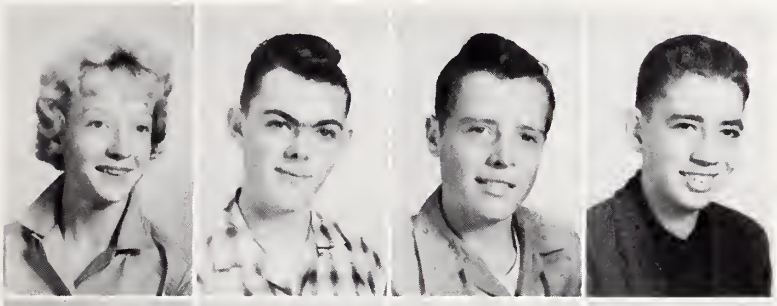

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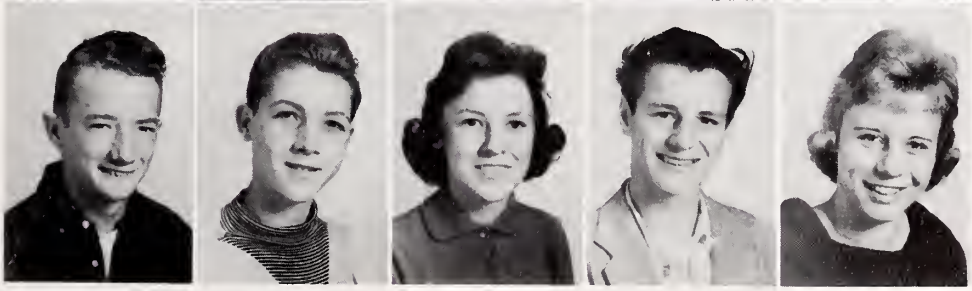

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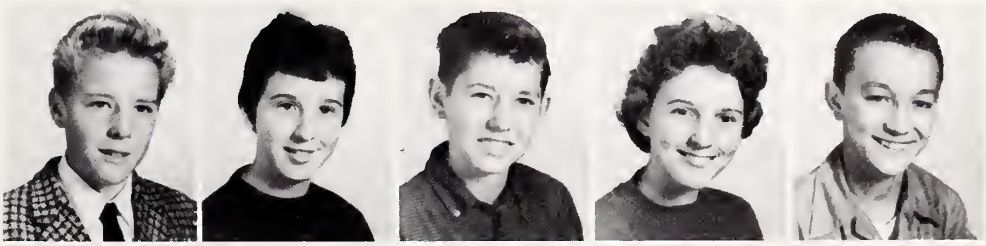

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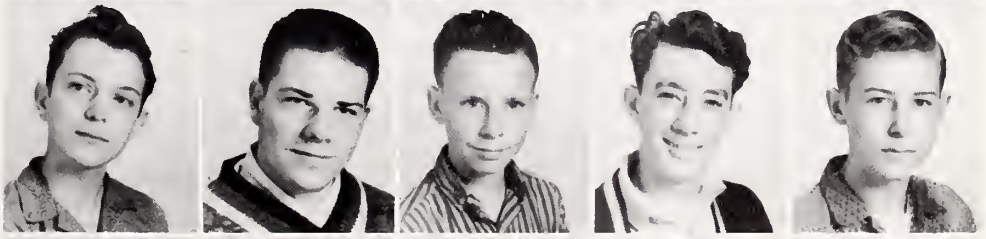

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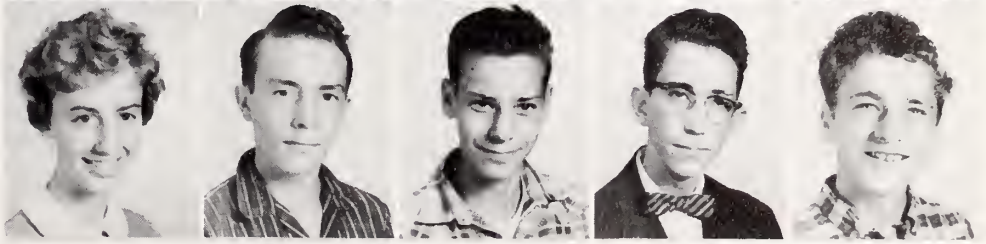

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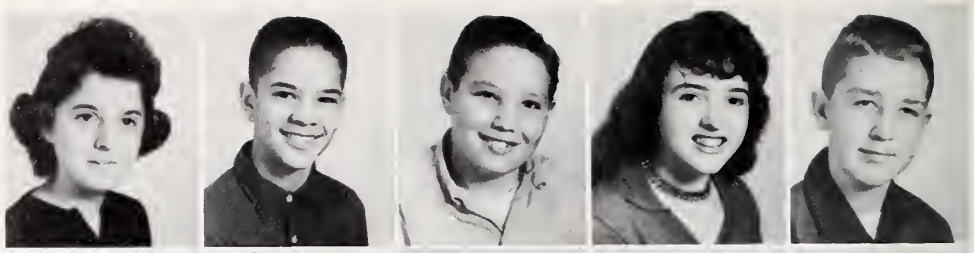

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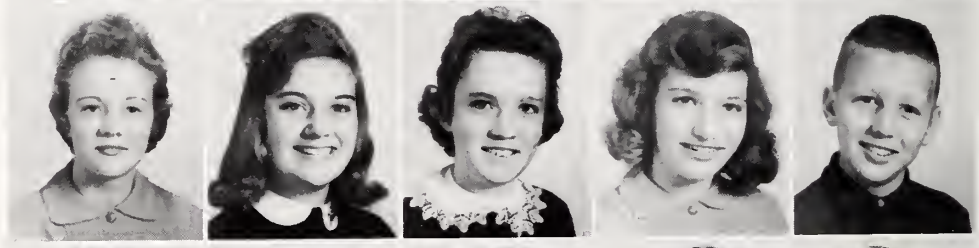

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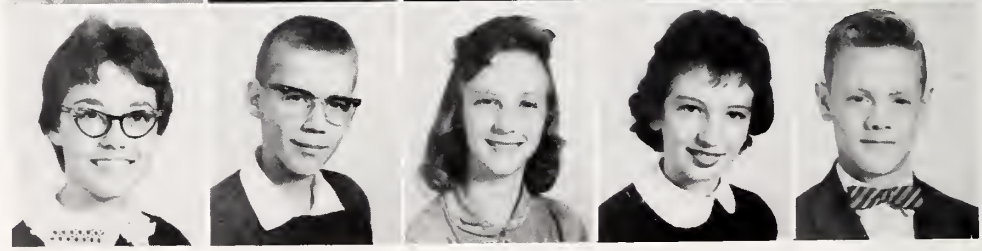

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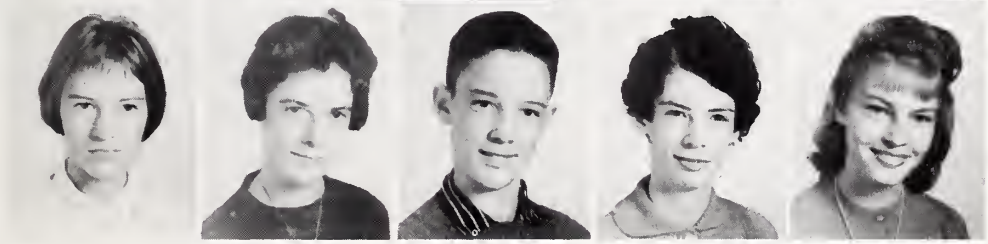

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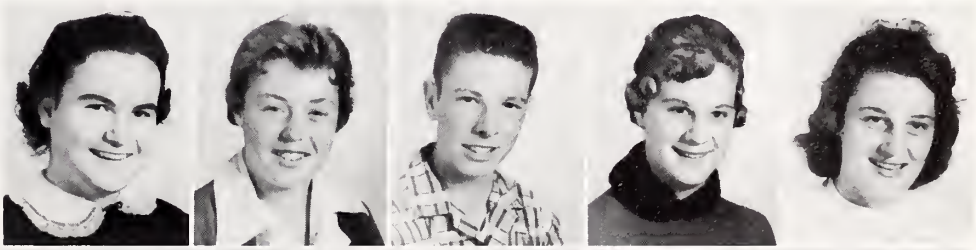

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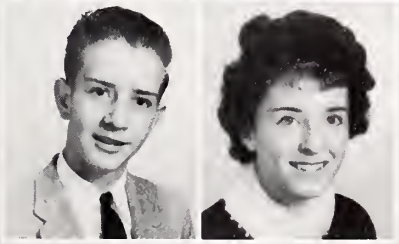
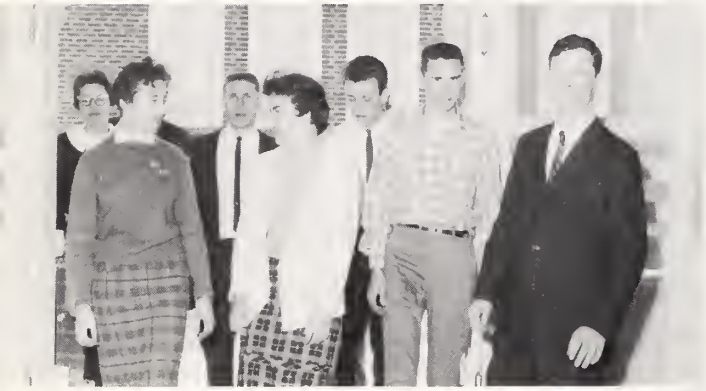


Scenes Around School

"Beginning of the day."

"Is this typical of Study Hall?"



"The twelve o'clock rush."

"Yellow Jackets warming up for the big game."

"The day is over—Whem!"

ACTIVITIES

LINDA JO CRITCHER, Editor; BARBARA TRUITT, Co-Editor.

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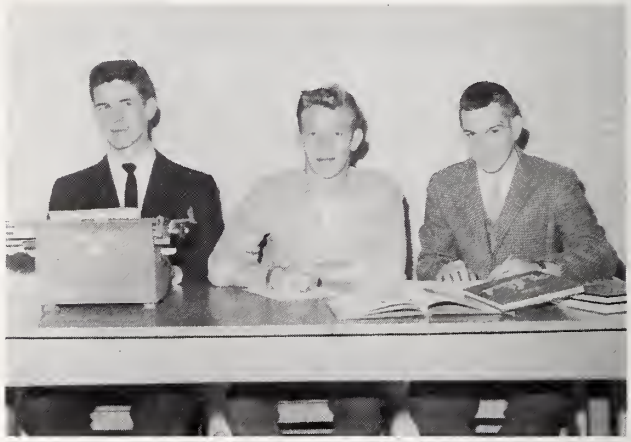

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Homecoming

The Queen

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1960-61

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SUE COX

The Court

Sue Cox, Precious Brady, Ann Mitchell, Janet Wilmoth

Beta Club

First row, left to right: Cynthia Swisher, Suzie Roberts, Linda Cheek, Carol Sue Wyatt, Lynora Greene, Nancy Caudill, Sue Cox, Nancy Crouse, Mary Alice Hicks, Jean Toliver, Linda Jo Critcher, Barbara Truitt, Karen Busic, Mary Truitt. Second row: Miss Carol Kennedy, Wanda Musgrove, Ruth Richardson, John Lee, Andy Yasinsac, Melvin Miles, Clarence Crouse, Jimmy Brinegar, Carlyle Shepherd, James Higgins, Barney Folger, Harold Royall, Johnny Shepherd, Charles Edwards, Mr. Charles Dolinger.

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First row, left to right: Mrs. Eula Houser, Velma Royall, Jane Chappell, Nancy Shepherd, Brenda Carter, Gail Howell, Sue Torney, Wanda Wagoner, Opal Hawkins, Vivian Reeves, Hilda Myers, Becky Bare, Linda Edwards, Darlene Atwood, Romona Jones, Mary Alice Hicks, Margaret Andrews, Barbara Truitt. Second row: Janet Wilmoth, Nancy Crouse, Joyce Wilmoth, Frances Crouse, Joyce Caudill, Alice Estep, Kathy Mabe, Loretta Evans, Mary Lee Brown, Lynora Greene, Sue Harris, Carol Ann Mitchell, Glenna Nichols, Bobbie Reynolds, Virginia Ann Mitchell. Third row: Shirley Caudill, Jeanette Boyer, Nancy Jarvis, Lucille Stoker, Dorothy Choate, Margaret Maines, Roberta Andrews, Doris Sidden, Patricia Miles, Sandra Evans, Carol Evans, Arita Baker, Carol Hudson. Fourth row: Patsy Andrews, Kay Poole, Carol Poole, Wanda Musgrove, Sue Cox, Shirley Mitchell, Jane Gambill, Mattie Fender, Linda Cheek, Ann Baker, Karen Busic, Linda Myers, Earlene Jarvis, Peggy Williams, Betty Lou Evans. Fifth row: Jean Reeves, Barbara Lester, Eva Wood, Carol Wooten, Linda Jo Bennett, Precious Brady, Betty Jo Choate, Nancy Jane Crouse, Suzie Roberts, Carolyn Owens, Barbara Lou Combs, Connie Reed, Patricia Perkins, Ruby Brannock, Iva Mae Evans.

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First row, left to right: Wanda Wagoner, Precious Brady, Joyce Wilmoth, Earlene Jarvis, Sue Cox, Nancy Caudill, Nancy Crouse, Mary Truitt, Polly Lucas, Susie Roberts, Jean Toliver, Bobbie Reynolds, Linda Critcher. Second row: Johnny Shepherd, John Lee, Jimmy Brinegar, Carlyle Shepherd, Melvin Miles, Barney Folger, Charles Edwards.

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First row, left to right: Grady Cranford, David Woodruff, Caroll Sparks, Roger Smith, Floyd Murphy. Second row: Larry Spurlin, Edward Scott, Dwain Atwood, Johnny Hudson. Joe Higgins, Bert Dixon, Kyle Caudill, Bobby Dan Wagoner, Leon Anderson, Jimmy Benge, Richard Caudill, Joe Chappell, Bruce Jolly, Frank Dixon, Harry Rector, Lloyd Richardson, Ronnie Greene. Third row: Robert Crouse, Kenneth Smith, Charles Edwards, Billy Wayne Crouse, Bryce Wood, Bobby Holloway, Jimmy Osborne, David Fender, Bob Choate, Gary Crouse, David Andrews, James Caudill, Ted Hudson, Larry Halsey. Fourth row: Roger Higgins, Joe Wayne Church, Loyal Dean Pruitt, Dean Combs, Jerry Taylor, Mack Caudill, Billy Choate, Carroll Gentry, Rufus Horton, Robert Petty, Billy Johnson, Dwayne Medley, Robert Mack Johnson, Ried Choate, Roger Miller, Dwane Davis, Jackie Evans, Nelson Poole, Mr. Cheek.

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First row, left to right: Romona Jones, Darlene Atwood, Frances Crouse, Ann Mitchell, Margaret Andrews, Dorothy Choate, Nancy Caudill, Lynora Greene. Second row: Tony Yasinsac, Jeff Folger, Jimmy Crouse, Jean Toliver, Linda Jo Critcher, Ann Baker, Precious Brady, Pauline Lucas, Sue Cox, Linda Baugus, Barbara Truitt, Kenneth Brady, Ronnie Edwards. Third row: Mr. Rex Kilby, Jerry Duncan, Jerry Waddell, James Higgins, Joe Tilley, Dennis Reeves, Joe Osborne, Jimmy Brinegar, Clarence Crouse, Jerry Taylor, Carlyle Shepherd, James Smith, Andy Yasinsac, Billy Wayne Crouse, Barney Folger.

Baseball

First row, left to right: Floyd Murphy, Tony Sturgill, Robert Rector, David Fender, James Smith, Barney Folger, Carlyle Shepherd, Coach Earl Bradley, Jerry Duncan, Coach Rex Kilby. Second row: Richard Chappell, Roger Smith, James Higgins, Johnny Shepherd, Bobby Crouse, Shirrell Shepherd, Billy Wayne Crouse. Third row: Dwaine Atwood, Ken Brady, Clarence Crouse, Bill Bare, Ralph Shepherd, Jerry Richardson, Harry Rector, Jimmy Benge.

Student Librarians

First row, left to right: Barbara Combs, Joyce Wilmoth, Jeanette Boyer, Mrs. Edith Osborne, Glenna Nichols, Peggy Adams, Betty Lou Evans. Second row: Frances Crouse, Margaret Andrews, Mary Lee Brown, Nancy Jarvis, Gail Choate, Peggy Williams.

Bus Drivers

First row, left to right: Barney Folger, Joe Higgins, Ted Hudson, James Smith, James Scott, Harold Miles, Willous Joines, Jerry Duncan, Carlyle Shepherd, Charles Edwards, Billy Wayne Crouse, Jimmy Crouse, Bert Dixon. Second row: Roy. Ayers, Rufus Horton, Joe Osborne, Harold Royal, Bryce Wood, Melvin Miles, Jimmy Osborne, Jimmy Brinegar, Billy Bare, Larry Rector, Ray Billings, Clarence Crouse, Sharon Brooks, Robert Mack Johnson, Bill Poole, Larry Presnell, Luther Larue, Wayne Triplett, Billy Johnson, Ronnie Rash.

Last Will and Testament

We, the graduating class of 1961, declare, as the curtain is drawn on the final encore of roles in Sparta High School, that is our Last Will and Testament.

To the faculty, we leave our everlasting gratitude for their patience, willingness, and undying devotion to duty.

To our senior sponsors, we express our deepest gratitude for their help, encouragement, and guidance.

To our parents, we leave the love for them and their guidance which has inspired us to achieve this our goal of graduation.

To the juniors, we leave the front rows in chapel; our football, basketball, and baseball records (we wish you all the luck in the world in equaling them); and all senior privileges, whatever they may be.

To the freshmen and sophomores, we leave our sympathy.

To our friends, the following we bequeath.

WAYNE TRIPLETT and RAY BILLINGS leave their fast ways of moving under all conditions to Oscar Reeves and Reid Choate.
MELVIN MILES wills his co-operativeness to Suzie Roberts.
BOBBY CROUSE leaves his hidden athletic ability to Bert Dixon and Ralph Shepherd.
PATSY TRUITT leaves happily taking all her possessions with her.
CARROLL SPARKS bequeaths his crew-cut to Kermit Pruitt.
PEGGY WILLIAMS wills her figure, smile, and wit to Glenna Nichols and Jeanette Carico.
NORMA JEAN WOODRUFF gladly leaves Business Math to Pauline Crouse.
DAVID FENDER leaves his height and weight to Charlie Bennett and Robert Rector.
CONNIE LYON and LARRY PRUITT leave their book, "How to Repair a Car" to Jerry Taylor and James Smith.
BETTY JO CHOATE leaves her sweet smile and mischievous giggle to Phyllis DeBord and Francis Crouse.
CAROL SUE WYATT leaves her physics notebook to Joyce Wilmoth.
BILLY JO BARE leaves his task of keeping Laurel Springs Community in chaos to Johnny Shepherd.
CAROLYN OWEN leaves her shy winning way to Nancy Jarvis and Barbara Presnell.
HAROLD ROYALL leaves his school bus to Brice Wood.
EVA WOOD and WANDA COMBS will their jobs at the Dairy Bar to Doris Evans and Betty Combs.
IVA MAE EVANS leaves her mischief, wild-eyed smile, and gossip to Wanda Wagoner.
LYNDA BAUGUS leaves her book on how to catch a Male to Bonnie Choate and Wanda Higgins.
JOE HIGGINS and JOHNNY HUDSON leave their height, weight, and masculinity to Bruce Jolly and Harold Miles.
CHARLES EDWARDS leaves his ability to be elected class president to Dorothy Choate.
JOE TILLEY leaves his shyness and ability to stay out of trouble to Jerry Duncan.
JOE OSBORNE leaves his ability to get along with Mr. Moxley to Dennis Setzer.
TED HUDSON leaves his lover-boy ways to Rufus Horton and Roger Smith.
BILLY JOHNSON leaves his lovely blonde hair to Wayne Sparks.
JAMES SCOTT leaves the greatest asset to a football player, his intestinal fortitude, to Jimmy Crouse and Ronnie Edwards.
FLOYD MURPHY sneaks out quietly before he gets thrown out.
MARGARET ANDREWS leaves her Nixon-Lodge button to Wanda Musgrove. Better luck next time. Not victory, just better luck.
JEAN TOLIVER leaves her bubbling personality to Ann Baker.
Since MARY ALICE HICKS has a superfluous amount of wonderful disposition, she makes Sue Cox and Darlene Atwood the recipients of this gift.
JOHN LEE wills his ability to catch a joke to Kenneth Brady.
CYNTHIA SWISHER bequeaths her studious nature to Linda Cheek.
GARY PARLIER leaves his ability to drive ?????? to Kenneth Smith.
DENNIS REEVES and JERRY SANDERS leave their ability to seek out hilarious mischief, no matter where it lurks, to Bill Poole and Paul Smith.
DEAN MABE wills his quiet thoughtfulness to Willous Joines and Dean Combs.
ANDREW YASINSAC leaves his ability to talk to himself, when no-one else will listen, to James Higgins.
JIMMY BRINEGAR leaves his short little sawed off body to Clarence Crouse.
ROY AYERS leaves with pleasure.
POLLY LUCAS leaves her mischief and wit to Nancy Caudill and Lynora Greene.
NANCY JANE CROUSE wills her ideas on how to catch a man to Sue Harris.
KYLE CAUDILL leaves his automotive know-how to Luther Larue.
LINDA JO CRITCHER bequeaths her industriousness and ever-ready smile to Karen Busic.
RONNIE RASH leaves everything the teachers have tried to give him.
PRECIOUS BRADY leaves her height to Becky Bare.
BARBARA LOU COMBS leaves her sweet manner to Mary Truitt and Nancy Blevins.
BETTY LOU EVANS bequeaths her height and quietness to Jeanette Boyer and Betty Higgins.
GERALD WILLIAMS wills his shy mischievous smile to Ronnie Greene and Jimmy Osborne.
NANCY E. CROUSE, a quiet reserved girl, leaves this blessing to Lucille Stoker.
MARY RECTOR and WANDA MAINES bequeath their quiet sincerity to Barbara Lester and Shirley Caudill.
DWAYNE MEDLEY leaves his stupendous size to Dwayne Atwood and Robert Mack Johnson.
CARLYLE SHEPHERD bequeaths his supreme love of football to Jerry Waddell.
BILLY WAYNE CROUSE wills his ever present smile and friendliness to Robert Crouse.
MYRTLE BLEVINS wills her quiet manner to Roberta Andrews and Gaynell Vaughn.
DAVID ANDREWS bequeaths his place in Driver's Education to anyone who needs it; namely, J. D. Higgins.
GRADY CRANFORD leaves his Chevrolet handbook to Ray Billings.
EARLENE JARVIS leaves her studious nature and cooperativeness to Ruth Richardson.
BARBARA TRUITT wills her habit of leaving the typewriter cylinder-release up to Margaret Maines and Ethel Hamm.
LARRY PRESNELL and LARRY RECTOR will their guesses on how to drive, to a woman, no-one else would try them, Betty Lou Murphy.
CARROLL GENTRY and BOBBY HOLLOWAY leave their comic books in the school furnace.
I, BARNEY FOLGER, will my quest for riches to all in present and future generations.

Class Prophecy

Shakespeare wrote: "All the world is a stage, And all the men and women merely players."

Each of my classmates of '61 have begun their performance on life's stage. It will be interesting I'm sure to learn what role each is playing.

JOE TILLEY has been looking around for an office to hang his medical sign on. You know he is a dentist, I suppose. I always wondered why he worked so hard to build up those muscles. "Hold on to the chair, patients, please."

Who is this I see? BILLY WAYNE CROUSE—he's the head Athletic Director of the new consolidated Alleghany High School.

If you have been reading the newspapers, you know that one of the top scientists of the day is none other than CYNTHIA SWISHER. They say she is a wizard and can split an atom to the N-th degree.

I hear JAMES SCOTT and JOE HIGGINS are still big farmers and are members of the Department of Agriculture in Raleigh.

This month's issue of CHARM really disappeared from the newstand, but no wonder. Our own MARGARET ANDREWS' face smiled prettily on the cover wearing a new Easter Bonnet. She really is a lovely model.

JOHN LEE has become North Carolina's first Linguist. He can now speak every language in the world.

NORMA JEAN WOODRUFF, history teacher of fifth grade at dear old Sparta High, "Yes, children Columbus discovered America in 1492, but the world discovered us, and we made history in 1961."

FLOYD MURPHY may be small but he really has a good thinker in that little head of his. He is now North Carolina's most prominent Senior Accountant.

What's on that sign on the new office building on Main Street--BARNEY FOLGER, Professional Dentistry, Painless Extraction. We don't know about that, but that blond fellow is really an attraction.

BILL BARE is the head Business Administrator at Roanoke Business College. I bet you don't know who his private secretary is—LINDA BAUGUS—of course.

EARLENE JARVIS has just been elected president of the North Carolina Society of Cosmetologists. She specializes in permanent waves, facials, and oh, yes dimples.

WAYNE TRIPLETT has just perfected the smallest electric motor for Western Electric.

If any of you fellas and girls go sailing on the sea of matrimony on your honeymoon, how about dropping in to see MYRTLE BLEVINS in Florida? I understand she has quite a fleet of yachts.

Do you know who built the new Skyland Bridge bypassing Sparta? —ANDY YASINSAC—of course. He is one of the greatest civil engineers yet.

LINDA JO CRITCHER decided to follow her husband. She is now working near the Air Force Base as a personnel director.

We all dreaded Mondays in school, but DEAN MABE couldn't stand them. He has improved though his wife tells me he gets to work every other Monday morning.

I hear Memorial Hospital has quite a time keeping NANCY JANE CROUSE and CAROLYN OWENS from talking. We always did at school too, but they were very successful and turned out to be real good nurses.

LARRY RECTOR has invented a heated swimming suit so he can go swimming all year round.

Our "quiet" JOE OSBORNE attended N. C. State College and decided to really make himself worthwhile. He always was good at football, but we never dreamed he would someday be coaching in a large city school.

PRECIOUS BRADY has been named number one pivot girl on the United States' first girls' basketball team.

TED and JOHNNY HUDSON are in business together developing the new dynamic "Hudson Jets."

Is that a saxaphone I hear. Yes, it's RAY BILLINGS warming up for his big performance on Broadway.

JIM BRINEGAR and CHARLES EDWARDS are working hand in hand in the Agricultural Department of Alleghany County. Jim has taken Mr. Cooper's place and Charles-Mr. Black's.

WANDA SUE COMBS just opened a new Beauty Parlor in Sparta. She's doing real well.

BETTY LOU EVANS is the head pharmacist at the new Evans Drug Store in Sparta.

GARY PARLIER always was pretty good at sketching. He now has a job as a commercial artist for one of the largest newspapers in North Carolina.

PAULINE LUCAS is now married to her old lover. I hear she is a very efficient wife.

Say, who is that smiling nurse coming out of Room 211 in Duke Hospital? BETTY JO CHOATE, of course.

DAVID ANDREWS and DAVID FENDER are two of the most successful farmers of our day. I've heard they had to build larger barns this year because they are buying new machinery.

Listen, I hear singing. It sounds like the voice of MARY ALICE HICKS, who is now recording the nation's top hit tunes. Her voice will always be remembered by her classmates.

BARBARA LOU COMBS is now secretary for her husband. Barbara always was good in typing, but no one ever guessed she would someday be a secretary and marry her boss.

Lower the gang plank, folks. Do you see what I see? None other than our own CARROLL GENTRY, who is now in the U. S. Army.

Say, who is that going in the parsonage? The former WANDA MAINES, who is the bride of the new Baptist Minister. She always was a wonderful person, and I know she'll make a model wife.

BOBBY HOLLOWAY is doing quite well for himself in his new hardware store. He says he is selling new brides can openers instead of rolling pens.

"Take a letter, please—MISS BARBARA TRUITT." She is secretary to the President of a large bank in Greensboro.

ROY AYERS has just completed his second year as number one janitor at dear old Sparta High. "Keep her clean, Roy."

Say, what's this? "Buy your tickets for the football game tonight. CARLYLE SHEPHERD formerly of Sparta, stars for the Wake Forest 'Deamon Decons'." Well, all I can say is, "I bet it's going to be exciting."

NANCY ELIZABETH CROUSE, as you know, attended Wake Forest. She liked it so well that she is now on the faculty there.

IVA MAE EVANS and EVA WOOD are conducting a school on how to deliver public speaking.

CONNIE LYONS is head of the largest "Dairy Bar" in North Carolina. Connie invited all of us in for a free hamburger.

CAROL SUE WYATT is the head nurse at Sparta Memorial Hospital.

KYLE CAUDILL is now manager of the Western Auto Store just above the Sparta Post Office. He can hardly keep enough parts for the Hot Rods the boys are driving around.

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! Read all about it. Up-to-the-minute interesting news written by none other than PATSY TRUITT, news reporter for The New York Times.

LARRY PRUITT is keeping dear old Sparta High on wheels by making sure the school buses are in good condition.

JEAN TOLIVER won the most blue ribbons at the fair this year. She is a wonderful housekeeper. No wonder her husband is putting on weight—with her doing the cooking.

MELVIN MILES, who was always interested in business administration, has organized a Business College in Sparta known as the Miles School of Business.

CAROL SPARKS has finally invented a new and improved Automatic Transmission for the new Fords he is putting out. DWAYNE MEDLEY is his number one mechanic.

BILLY JOHNSON is the fellow to call when you need to have the sink unstopped. I understand he is a first-rate plumber.

GERALD WILLIAMS has just won the title as the world's greatest wrestler. He has taken Bolo's place on all our T. V. screens.

PEGGY WILLIAMS is now Librarian in one of the city schools. She is very efficient and keeps every book in its proper place. I wonder if she makes the students keep quiet.

LARRY PRESNELL has just purchased Gap Civil Community. I hear he plans to farm it.

MARY CECIL RECTOR is now running a nursing home. She is so kind and good to all of them. Who knows maybe some millionaire will leave her a fortune.

JERRY SANDERS is working with Western Electric and making real good money.

Alleghany is very proud of RONNIE RASH. He is a general in the Air Force. Mayor HAROLD ROYALL plans a big parade for the General every time he comes home.

Remember GRADY CRANFORD—Cash and Carry's head meat cutter—He now owns a string of Cash and Carry stores all over the United States.

BOBBY CROUSE made the headlines on the sports page when the "Sparta Yellow Jackets" won the pennant. You know he is manager of the team.

DENNIS REEVES has finally gotten on television as a comedian. There was never a dull moment at school as long as Dennis was around.

And now that I have exhausted our senior roll, it seems to me that in 1961 we were as a Hollywood performance, 66 actors performing as a unit; now we are each individually performing on life's stage. It is sad to think that we are not so close as we were in '61, but it is comforting to know that we are all able to attend this--"our last performance."

LINDA JO CRITCHER - Class Prophetess

Class History

On August 29, 1949, rehearsals began on the stage of life with a completely new cast. Some of us were shy and bashful, even tearful, while others were brave and pushed back the tears under the guiding hands of thoughtful loving teachers and "grademothers."

Rehearsals continued for eight short years under the capable leadership of our directors. In those years many new faces and personalities were added to our group but unfortunately many of the performers quit the show.

There was never a dull moment for the performers or the audience. Little things such as fights over the jump ropes, so called "tattle tales," a certain performer fainting, little romances, people crying everyday and new practice teachers gave the performers just the spice it needed.

We had rehearsed for eight years now, for which we received an honored certificate for our performances. Now we felt we were ready to go to work to achieve our next major production—graduation.

The stage was set and the curtain opened on the first act, "A Freshman Knows Not and Knows He Knows Not." The stars were as follows: President, Barney Folger; Vice-President, Jean Toliver; Secretary, Barbara Truitt; Treasurer, Carlyle Shepherd. We started rehearsal as members of F.F.A., F.H.A., and other activities such as basketball and cheerleading. We elected Margaret as our Homecoming Queen, representing the ninth grade. The act ended with a thrill of being out of school for three months, but we were still anxious for summer vacation to pass.

The curtain opened on the second act, "A Sophomore Knows Not and Knows He Knows Not." The following were stars for this act: President, Charles Edwards; Vice-President, Jerry Sanders; Secretary, Polly Lucas; Treasurer, Billy Wayne Crouse; and Reporter, Margaret Andrews. This year, members of our cast worked just a little harder and fourteen performers of the cast became members of the Beta Club. We elected Polly Lucas, Homecoming Queen, representing the tenth grade.

The third act, "A Junior Knows But Knows Not That He Knows," found us with work to do. The stars of this performance were President, Charles Edwards; Vice-President, Carol Sue Waytt; Secretary, Patsy Truitt; Treasurer, Jean Toliver; and Reporter, Mary Alice Hicks. We were very excited on the day when we measured for and ordered our class rings. Each performer took part in working for the main event of the year, our Junior-Senior Prom, with the theme "Silver Moon Over Hawaii."

This year the class elected Jean Toliver, Homecoming Queen, representing the eleventh grade. Many performers of our cast took part in the Beta Club "Ministral," which was a great success under the leadership of our director, Mr. Dolinger. In April the Beta star performers wnet to Raleigh for the State Convention.

The last act, "A Senior Knows and Knows He Knows," found us looking forward to our senior year. A few of the performers were engaged and others deciding on their future. Was college the next performance? Stars for the Senior performance were: President, Charles Edwards; Vice-President, Carlyle Shepherd; Secretary, Polly Lucas; Treasurer, Barney Folger; and Reporter, Jean Toliver.

Our annual, THE SPARTAN, was published after many long, hard hours of work.

Some of the most joyous occasions of this year were, receiving our class rings, electing Precious Brady as Homecoming Queen, thus winning the contest by our hard work. In addition to these acts, we selected mascots and superlatives.

Then there was the last Junior-Senior Prom, a beautiful occasion which will never be forgotten by the entire cast.

We have now reached our final performances, class night, the baccaulerate, and at last graduation. We shall soon be departing and going out into life to try to make it a success. Each will use the year of rehearsing and presenting the acts at Sparta High School as strength and support for beginning the next performance in our life. The curtain has closed and the stage is ready for a new cast to begin their performance. The show must go on.

MARY ALICE HICKS
Class Historian

Class Motto

"One who fails to prepare, prepares to fail."

Class Colors

Orchid and White

Class Flower

White Chrysanthemum

Class Poem

THESE YEARS

The lightning flashed, the thunder roared
And all the world stood still,
The day we entered Sparta High
We thought our dreams fulfilled.

We were but lowly freshmen
To the seniors up on high,
We sought their help, as they had done
In days that had gone by.

A year has passed, with many a week
Filled with trial and doubt.
At last we find the thing we seek—
what is life about?

Climbing upward step by step
We slowly neared the top,
Making promises we had kept
We found there was no stop.

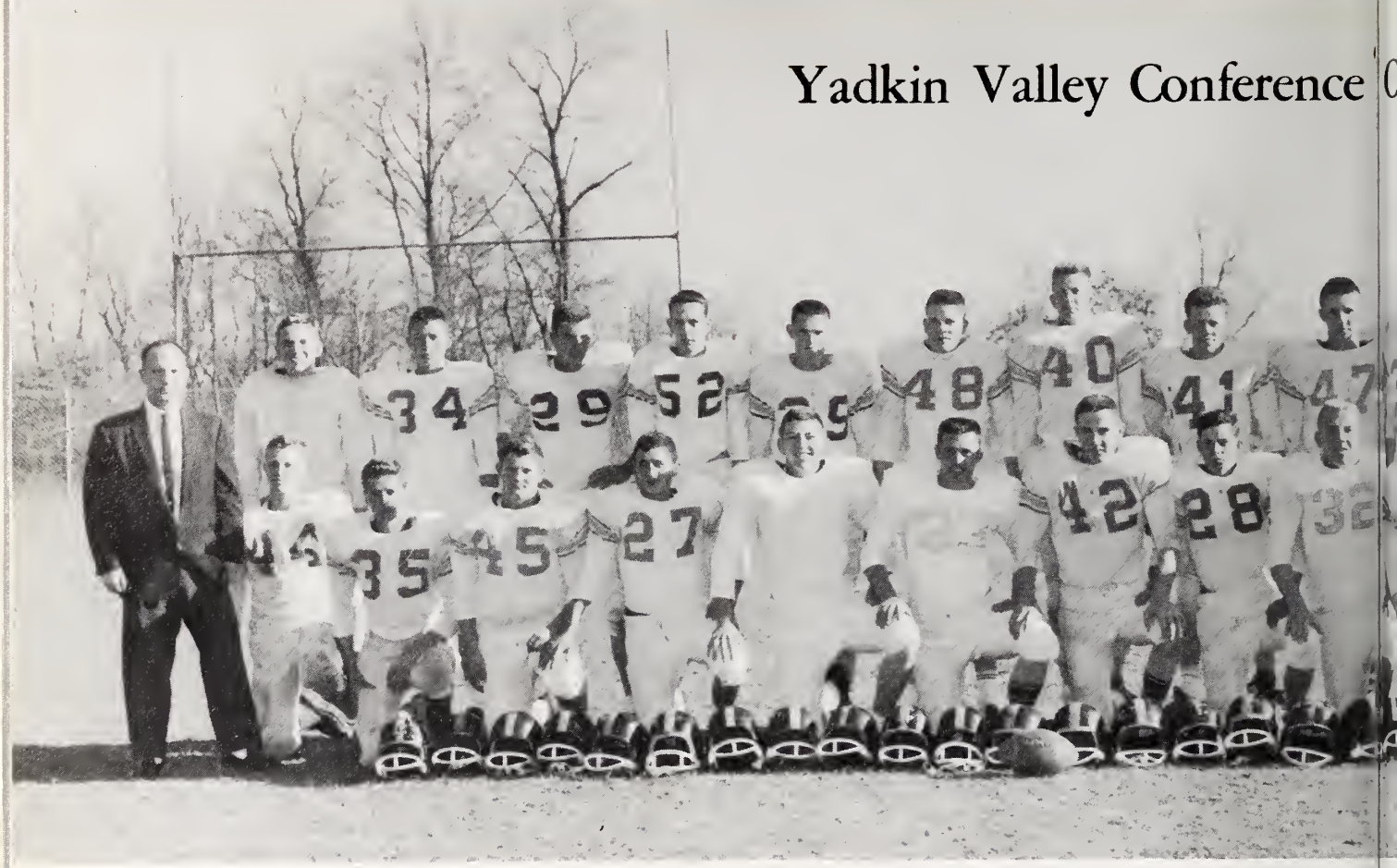
Here our work is done at last
There are brighter days ahead,
Our work is done and in the past
For us it has been said.

The answer to our question is
And has been all along;
Look to the future for success
Be it mine or his.

PATSY TRUITT
Class Poet

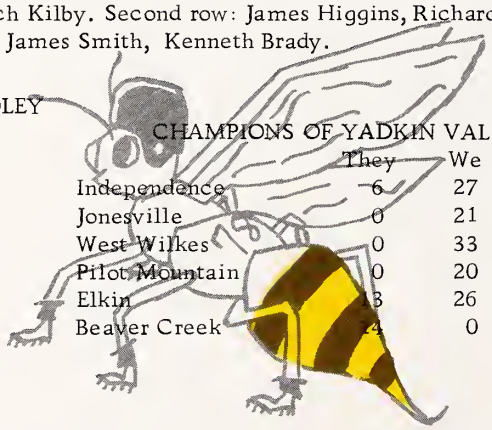
ATHLETICS

Yadkin Valley Conference C



First row, left to right: Mr. Bradley, Andy Yasinsac, Jimmy Osborne, Ronny Edwards, Gary Crouse, Barney Folger, Billy Tilley, Jimmy Crouse, Assistant Coach Kilby. Second row: James Higgins, Richard Chappell, Jerry Taylor, Jerry Waddell, Reeves, Joe Osborne, Larry Rector, James Smith, Kenneth Brady.

COACH EARL BRADLEY



CHAMPIONS OF YADKIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

We		They	We		They
6	Independence	6	27	Yadkinville	20
7	Jonesville	0	21	Dobson	0
19	West Wilkes	0	33	Lansing	14
32	Pilot Mountain	0	20	Booneville	13
19	Elkin	3	26	Walnut Cove (play-offs)	0
27	Beaver Creek	4	0	Allen Jay (play-offs)	33

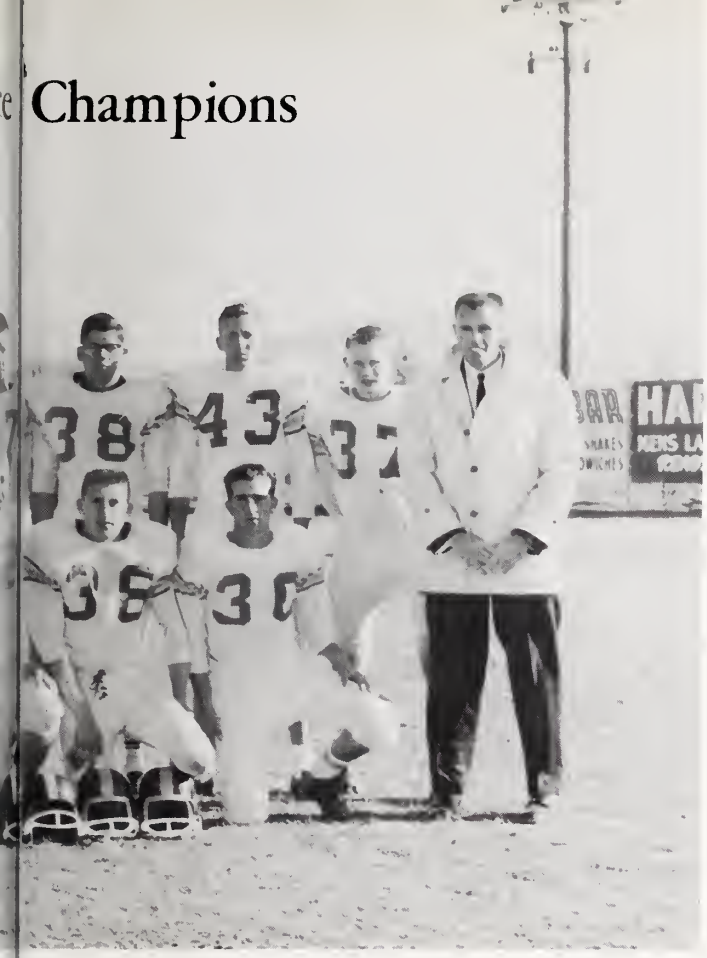
JERRY DUNCAN
Right Halfback

JAMES HIGGINS
Right End

RONNIE EDWARDS
Center

JERRY WADDELL
Left End

Champions



Crouse, Carlyle Shepherd, James Scott, Jerry Duncan, Joe
Charlie Bennett, Baxter Bledsoe, Jimmy Brinegar, Dennis

BILLY WAYNE CROUSE
Left Halfback

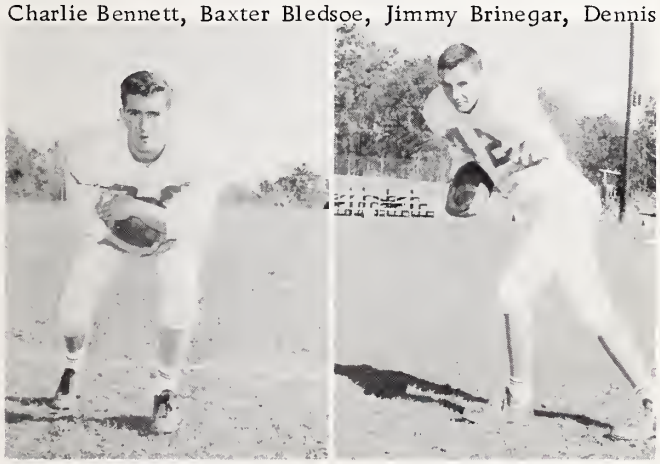
BARNEY FOLGER
Quarterback

JIMMY BRINEGAR
Right Tackle

JOE OSBORNE
Left Tackle

JIMMY CROUSE
Halfback

CARLYLE SHEPHERD
Fullback



JOE TILLEY
Guard

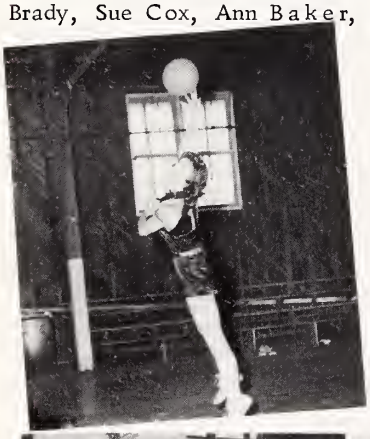
JAMES SCOTT
Guard

ANDY YASINSAC
Guard

DENNIS REEVES
Guard

Girls' Basketball

First row, left to right: Linda Jo Bennett, Kay Poole, Polly Lucas, Barbara Truitt, Arita Baker, Jane Gambill, Precious Brady, Sue Cox, Ann Baker, Carol Hudson, Shirley Mitchell, Carol Poole, Jean Reeves, Carol Ann Mitchell. Second row: Joyce Poole, Linda Baugus, Linda Jo Critcher, Manager; Coach Rex Kilby, Carol Wooten, Velma Royal.



PRECIOUS BRADY
Forward

POLLY LUCAS
Guard

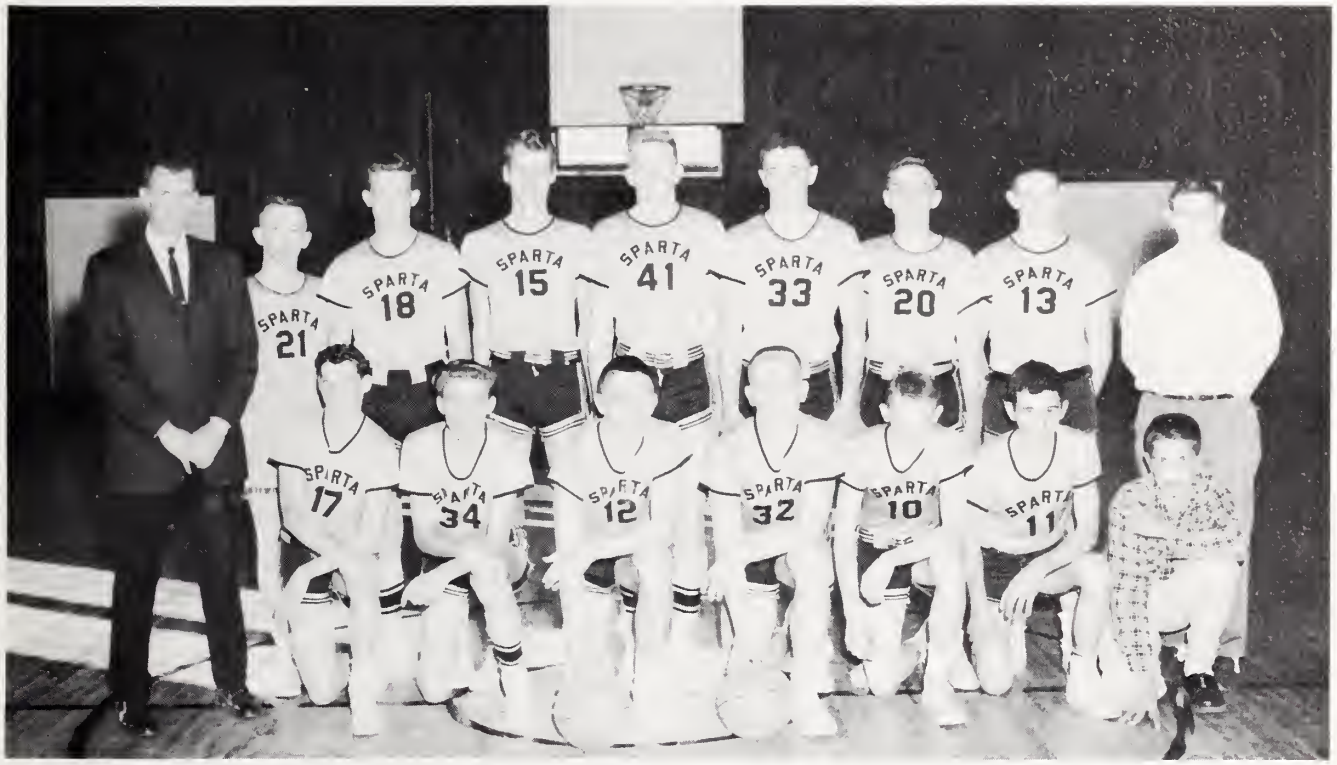
BARBARA TRUITT
Forward

LINDA BAUGUS
Forward

SUE COX
Guard

ANN BAKER
Guard

Boys' Basketball



First row, left to right: Coach Rex Kilby, Billy Choate, Mack Caudill, Barney Folger, Jerry Duncan, Kenneth Brady, Gary Crouse, Tony Yasinsac, Manager. Second row: Ralph Shepherd, Robert Rector, Clarence Crouse, Jimmy Brinegar, Carlyle Shepherd, James Higgins, Charlie Bennett, Ronny Edwards, Manager.

COACH REX KILBY

CARLYLE SHEPHERD
Forward

JIM BRINEGAR
Center

BARNEY FOLGER
Forward

JERRY DUNCAN
Guard

JAMES HIGGINS
Guard

Cheerleaders

Left to right: Margaret Andrews, Darlene Atwood, Dorothy Choate, Nancy Caudill. Top row: Ann Mitchell, Francis Crouse, Lynora Greene, Romona Jones.

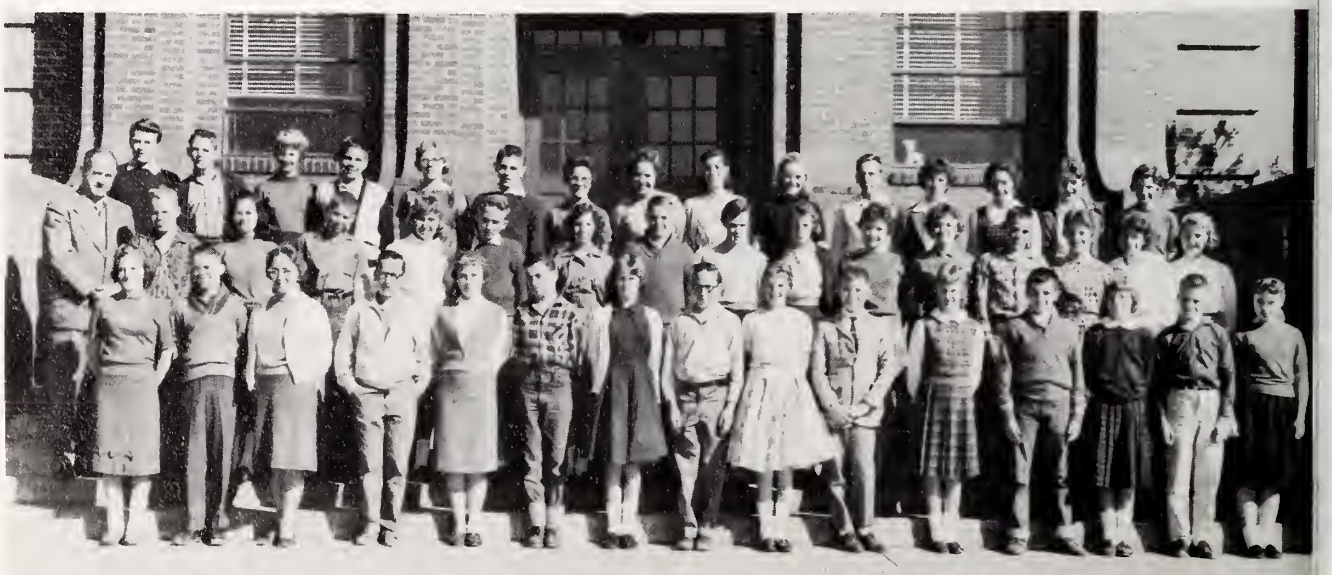
ELEMENTARY GRADES

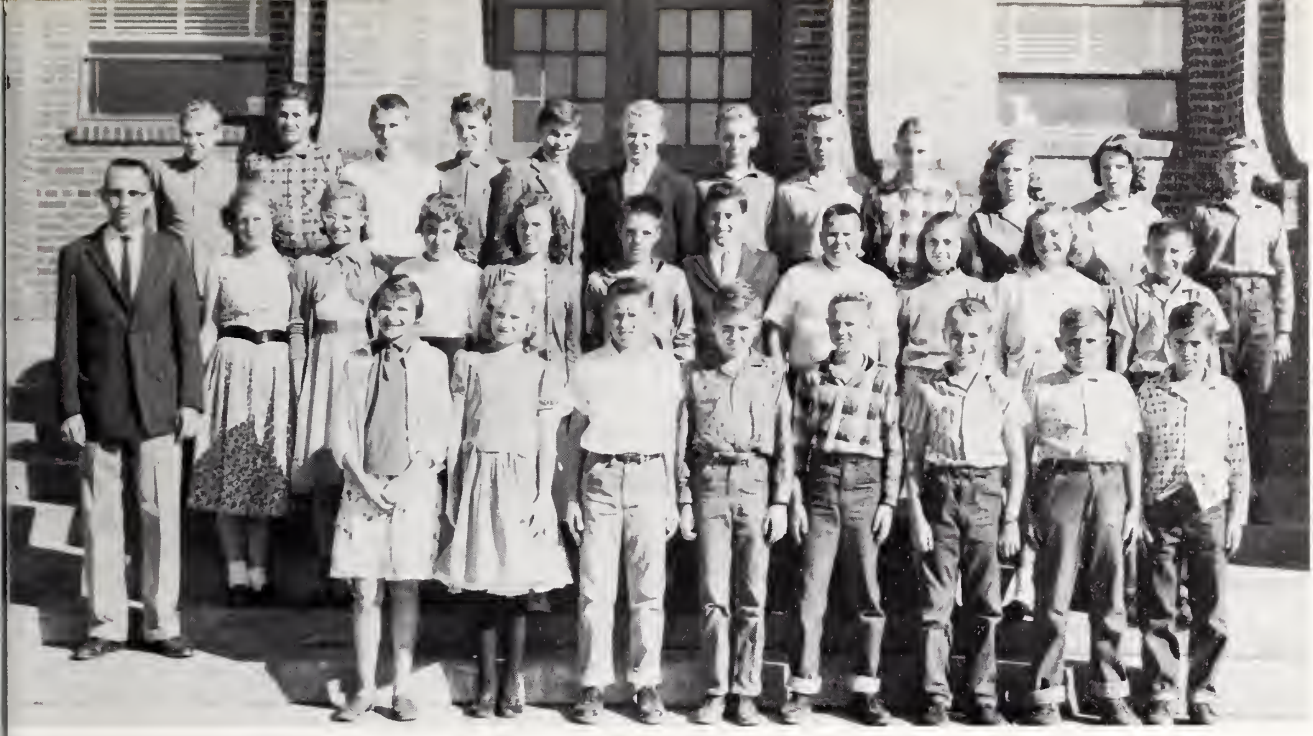
Mrs. Dutton's Eighth Grade

First row, left to right: Ruth Bell, Timphia Dixon, Mary Alice Crouse, Wanda Sanders, Lucy Larue, Mary Brinegar, Edwin Joines, Danny Lyon, Patricia Osborne, Jimmy Nichols, Jerry Crouse, Tommy Blevins. Second row: Mrs. Dutton, Mary Ruth Hill, Earl Andrews, Rachel Billings, Jerry Billings, Grayson Fender, Cecil Wagoner, David Smith, Harry Truitt, Gale Church, Jack Richardson, Johnny Brooks, Bobby Andrews, Gerald Richardson. Third row: Lois Billings, Jimmy Williams, Thomas Perry, Betty Ruth Todd, Doris Billings, Dale Caudill, Ernest Brinegar, Henry Hicks, Ethel Higgins, Ray Chambers, Shirley Maines, Gerald Horton, Cecil Evans, Gale Andrews, Ronny Poole. Not Pictured: Ennice Royal, Jimmy Hodge.

Mr. Cox's Eighth Grade

First row, left to right: Linda Nicholson, David Busic, Carlene Howell, Daniel Ham, Patsy Blackburn, Robert Taylor, Linda McKnight, David Ham, Shirley McMeans, Stan Jordon, Judy Richardson, Matthew Recchio, Alice Royall, Johnny Reeves, Pauline Caudill. Second row: Mr. Cox, Doug Choate, Janie Cox, Michael Royal, Wanda Wooten, Jack McCann, Pat Toliver, Tommy Chappell, Linda Higgins, Nancy Royall, Janet Evans, Ann Hoppers, Phillip Truitt, Sandy Halsey, Judy Shores, Pat Greene. Third row: Gary Castevens, Larry Sexton, Opal Crouse, Tony Yasinsac, Barbara Brooks, Dicky Caudill, Ann Newman, Linda Blevins, Linda Andrews, Sandra Settle, Bill Caudill, Gloria Richardson, Cletra Choate, Dorene Caudill, Martha Allen.



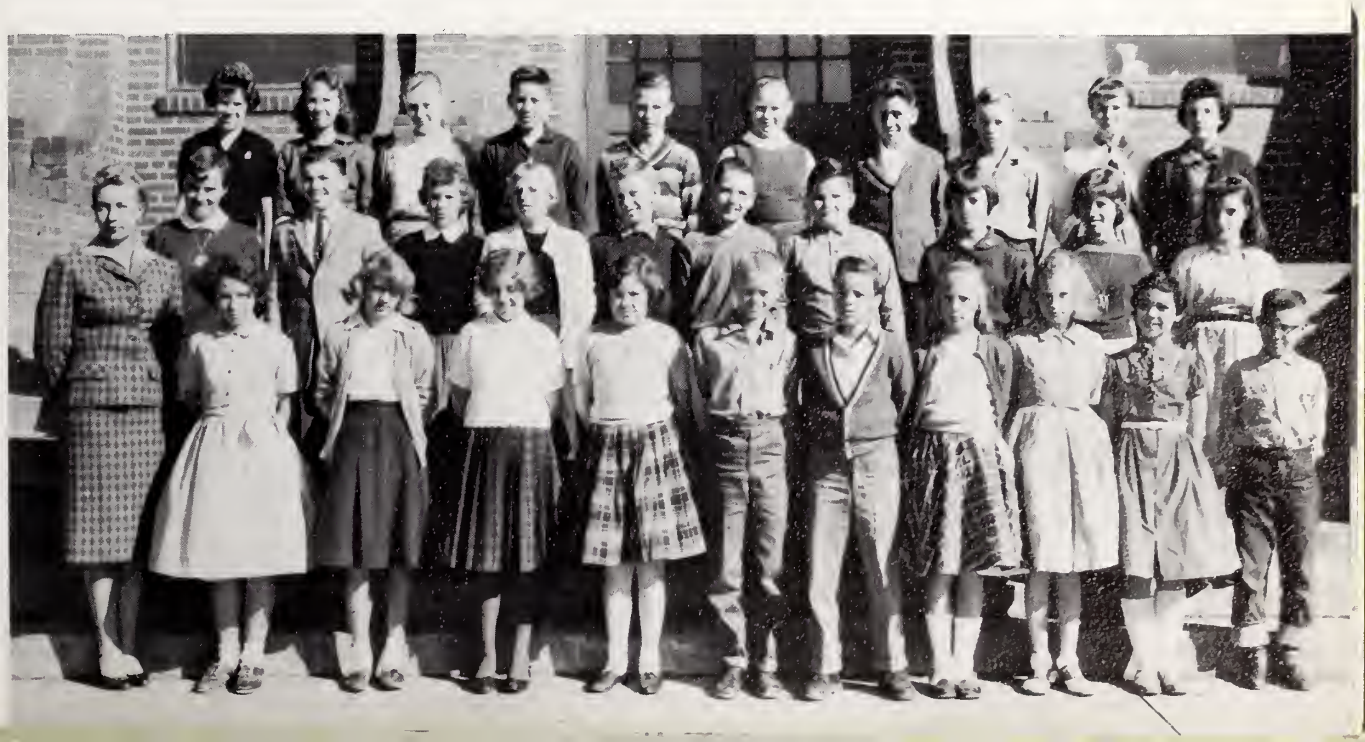


Mr. Keith's Seventh Grade

First row, left to right: Mary Nell Evans, Margie Walls, Don Ray Rector, Harold Lee Freene, Stanley Gene Crouse, Willie Lee Howell, Roger Dale Dowell, Richard Williams. Second row: Mr. Keith, Betty Holloway, Eula Faye Holbrook, Barbara McGrady, Gail Saddler, Gary Atwood, Daniel Mack Andrews, Thomas Ham, Bobbie Ruth Maines, Barbara Maines, Keith Poole. Third row: Harold Miller, James Miles, Robert Choate, Ralph Dowell, Roger Sturgill, Brice Waddell, Edward Lyons, Larry McCann, Wayne Brinegar, Esther Bourne, Iris Bourne, David Poole. Not Pictured: Bobby Lee Maines, Claudie Roberts, Jerry Watson.

Mrs. Choate's Seventh Grade

First row, left to right: Mrs. Choate, Wanda Yates, Shirley Caudill, Valerie Evans, Gary Rash, Wade Billings, Wanda Billings, Dorothy Murray, Volley Sue Caudill, Neal Howell. Second row: Mary Ann Triplette, Jimmy Rector, Linda Miller, Nancy McCann, Eddie Reeves, Lester Caudill, Ronald Moxley, Virginia Smith, Maxine Caudill, Karen Dancy. Third row: Elva Choate, Judy Atwood, Wilma Evans, Dean Choate, Bobby Richardson, Donny Carter, Johnny Edwards, Patsy Evans, Glenna Roberts.



Mrs. Doughton's Seventh Grade

First row, left to right: Mary Lou Billings, Gail Joines, Susan Bassett, Nancy Andrews, Nyla Duncan, Patsy Halsey, Linda McCann, Mack Fender, Mack Murphy, Robert Andrews. Second row: Sylvia Fowler, Sylvia Reeves, Larry Cox, Gail Edwards, Camelia Rector, Nancy Gentry, Ellen Andrews, Clive Gentry, Phil Atwood, Diana Darr, Linda Nichols, Larry Poole, Clarence Royal. Third row: Mrs. Doughton, Brenda McCann, Linda Fender, Alton Wagoner, Tim Reeves, Johnny Brady, Glenn Girtmann, Arlita Caldwell, Betty Billings, Philis Evans, Dorothy Crouse, Sue Reeves, Sherry Tompkins. Not Pictured: Mary Ann Crouse.

Mrs. Singletary's Sixth Grade

First row, left to right: Larry Hatchett, Karen Reeves, Kenny Sexton, Brenda Sue Reeves, Jan Porter, Louise Crouse, Patricia Andrews, Wade Brooks, Sharon Choate. Second row: Vivian Fowler, Jimmy Smith, Pam Reeves, Carol Poole, Regan Castevens, Lark Bollin, Coy Love, Jerry Blackburn, David Mitchell, Dalton Edwards. Third row: Mrs. Singletary, Brenda Sturgill, Susan Jarvis, Barry Wyatt, Gwen Reeves, Caroline Triplett, Paula Prewitt, Brenda Irwin, Pam Wagoner, Wanda Brooks.

Mrs. Thompson's Sixth Grade

First row, left to right: Lyndia Crouse, Larry Crouse, Billy Edwards, Jerry Mabe, Ethel Miles, James Crouse, Quincy Royall, Shelta Pruitt, Henrietta Rash. Second row: Mrs. Thompson, Lillie Dixon, Carolyn Billings, Wade Waddell, David Church, Jerry Caudill, Boy Dixon, Hillery Dixon, Van Pruitt. Third row: Rocky Hendrix, Larry Mabe, James Todd, Robert Brown, Geraldine Sidden, Patsy Huffman, Mary Estep, Lois Halsey, Marie Brooks.

Mr. Miller's Sixth Grade

First row, left to right: Margaret Rector, Jo Ann Roupe, Glenda Busic, Norma Hamm, Jo Ann Richardson, Warren Taylor, Roger Watson, David Evans, Ricky Dancy, Wayne Andrews, Kathryn Binge. Second row: John Toliver, Melva Sidden, Gail Marlowe, Evon Higgins, Evelyn Higgins, Dwayne Brinegar, Allan Hardin, Gray Stoker, David Wagoner, Phil Jordon, Floyd Fender, Edward Royall, Louise Cox. Third row: Mr. Miller, Lefphine Reeves, Linda Andrews, Nancy Woodruff, Brenda Jo Moxley, Bobby Evans, Steve Ashley, Johnny Irwin, Linda Hodge.

Mrs. Choate's Fifth Grade

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First row, left to right: Jannie Ham, Johnny Crouse, Eddie Caudill, David Brinegar, Ray Parsons, Terry Landreth, Elva Brooks, Richard Edwards, Wanda Walls, Evelyn Woodruff, Ammie Ham. Second row: Mrs. Moxley, John Wayne Hamlett, Larry Sparks, Jimmy Smith, Albert Wagoner, Ronald Atwood, Harvey Brown, Jerry Chambers, Danny Moxley, Ronnie Sidden, Roger McGrady, Billy Yates. Not Pictured: Linda Jo Smith, Freddy Billings.

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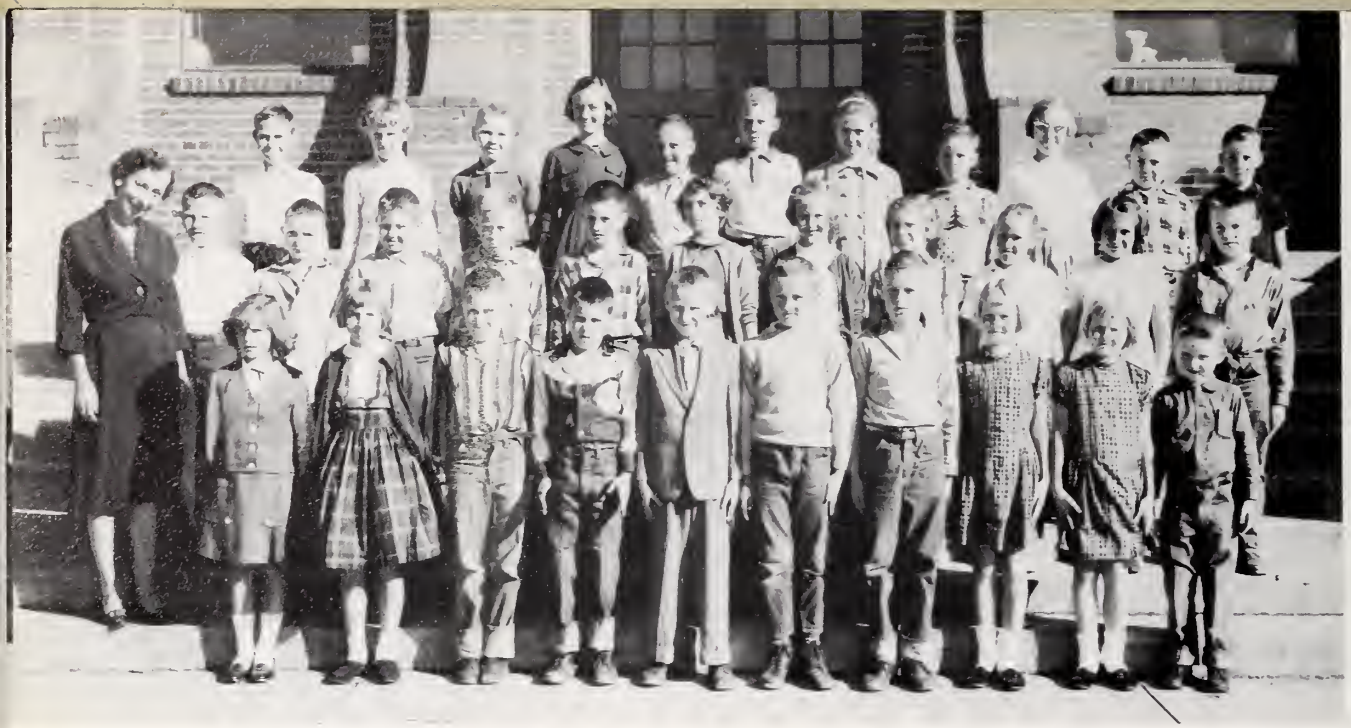

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Miss Taylors Fourth Grade

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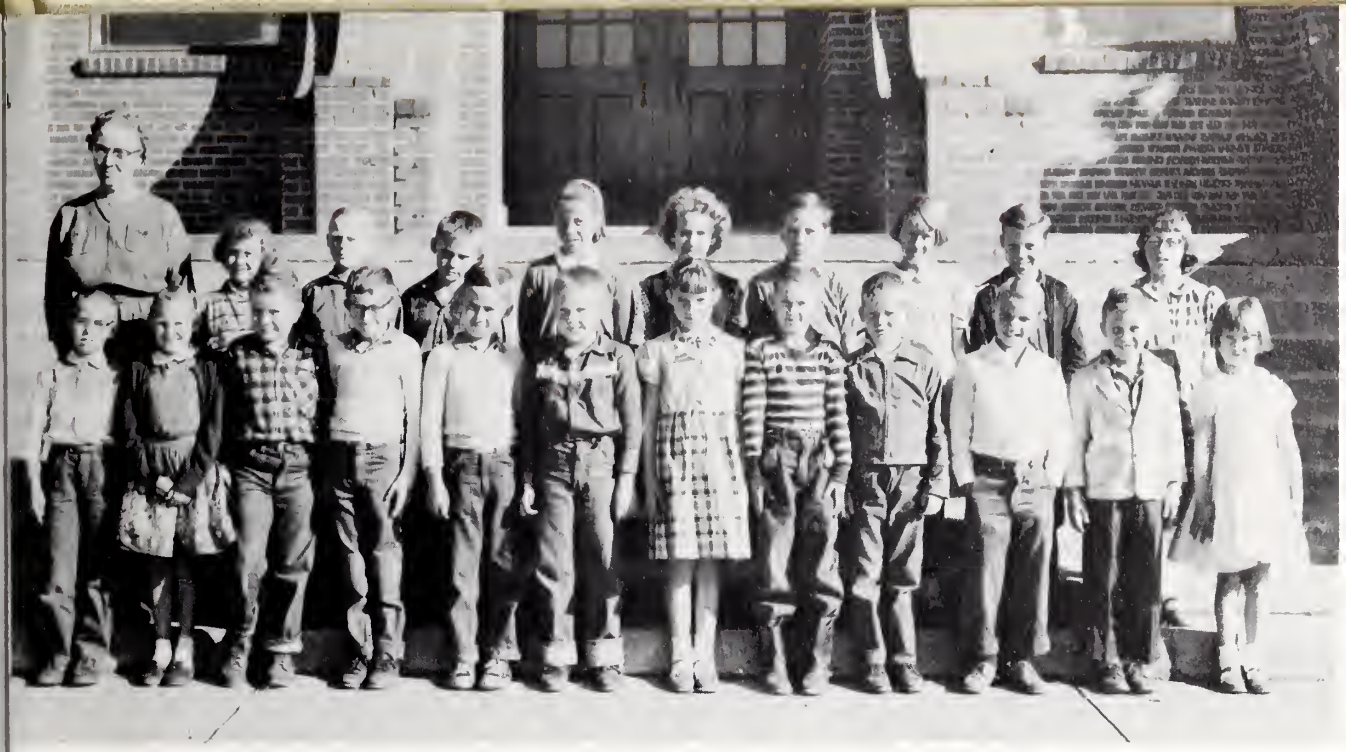

Mrs. Osborne's Third and Fourth Grades

First row, left to right: Larry Evans, Dorothy Brown, Steven Fields, Dennis Joines, Billy Caudill, William Watson, Patsy Moxley, J. D. Love, Ronny Crouse, Steve Caudill, Dale Smithers, Joan Mabe. Second row: Mrs. Osborne, Betty Ann Miles, Dennis Crouse, Dean Moxley, Bonnie Lou Bell, Sarah Ann Wooten, Raymond Moxley, Betty Ruth Hodge, Roger Osborne, Beverly Andrews. Not Pictured: Barbara Dowell, Chris Brinegar.

Mrs. Edwards' Third Grade

First row, left to right: Gloria Evans, Ernie Joines, Wanda Sparks, Carolyn Cleary, Shirley Miller, Bobby Ayers, Judy Pruitt, Ruth Dancy, Janet Greene, Verna Woodruff, Sheila Holbrook. Second row: Bonnie Sidden, Judy Saddler, Raymond Hodge, Donald Sheets, Georgia Whitaker, Ricky Brady, Bobby Hamm, Doris Osborne, Ruby Billings, Randolph Fender, Alma Wagoner. Third row: Mrs. Edwards, Roger Todd, Patricia Blevins, Jackie Edwards, James Caudill, Billy Holcomb, Esther Choate, Roger Mabe, Ann Royall, David Lane, Wayne Crouse. Not Pictured: Maxine Andrews.

Mrs. Gentry's Third Grade

First row, left to right: Dean Nichols, Cathy Joines, Charles McCann, Mary Spurlin, Margaret Evans, Tommy Triplett, Judy Truitt, Patricia Joines, Glenda Sexton, Patricia Ann Crouse, Glenda Sexton, Paula Higgins. Second row: Mrs. Gentry, Stephen Motsinger, Elizabeth Brooks, Judy Miller, Michael Wyatt, Franklin Nichols, Rose Mary Vann, Edwin Duncan, III, Sandra Royall, Susan Billings, Susan Stoker, Francine Weigand, Joan Mabe. Third row: Barry Irwin, Phillip Castevens, Linda Davis, Quincy Michael, Beth Osborne, Drew Choate, Rex Mitchell, James Crouse, Paula Church, Joyce Fulcher, Rebecca Rash, Diane Church.

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Mrs. McMillian's Second Grade

First row, left to right: Martha Chappell, Roger Evans, Michael Parlier, Stanley Sexton, Betty Mae Murray, Donald Howell, Mary Presnell, Treva Williams, Bonnie Green, Bobby Evans. Second row: Linda Crouse, Roger Billings, Thomas Todd, Tommy Walls, Sandra Poole, Martha Caudill, Wanda Osborne, Priscilla Lane, Jackie Henson, Karen Smithers. Third row: Leonard Caudill, Dwayne Richardson, Tommy Brinegar, Stanley Moxley, John Van Reeves, Edith Sparks, Judy Huffman, Emmett Bourne, Mrs. McMillan.

Mrs. Truitt's Second Grade

First row, left to right: Barbara Gore, Willis Smith, Sandra Crouse, Ann Dunivant, Jessie Brinegar, Debra Johnson, Lucy Blevins, Wayne Mabe, Sherry Edwards. Second row: Tommy Billings, Helen Benge, Johnny Moxley, Benny Love, Reba Wooten, Keith Coate, Linda Hodge, Becky Jarvis. Third row: Mrs. Truitt, Mary Ann Taylor, Mary Billings, Earl Benge, Lindsey Creed, David Crouse, Larry Evans, Delilah Mabe, Jimmy Hines.

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First row, left to right: Linda Harris, James Hudson, Bobby Joe Halsey, Stanley Caudill, Gerald Leftwich, Ronnie Edwards, Bobby Edwards, Terry Choate, Mike Roupe, Michael Brady. Second row: Mrs. Rector, Deen Dunivant, Linda Walls, Earlene Woodruff, Gail Fender, Andy Royall, Jr., Robert Fender, Holly Choate, Theresa Caudill, Christine Higgins. Third row: Tommy Evans, Gary Brooks, Mike Irwin, Lynn Boggs, Kathy McGrady, Mike Caudill, Bill Whitaker, Elizabeth Whitaker, Betty Taylor, Donnie Nelson.

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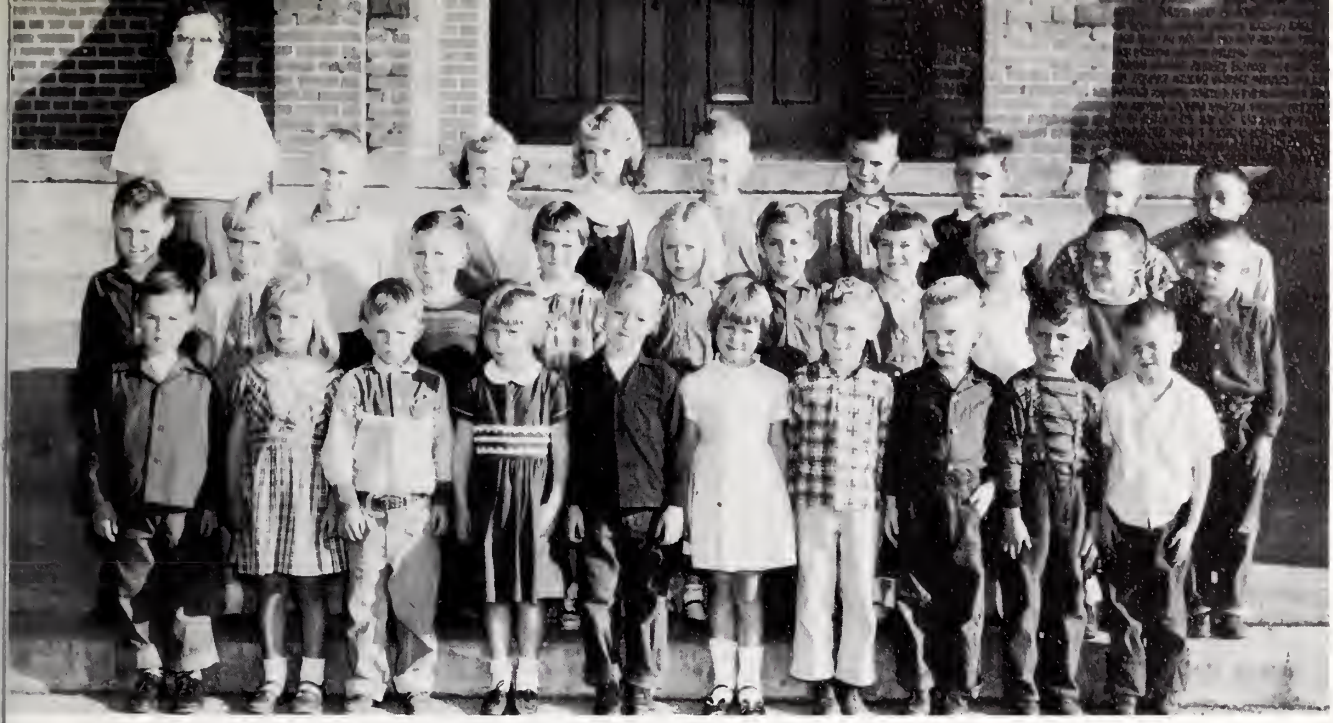

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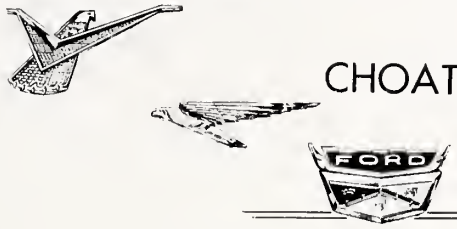

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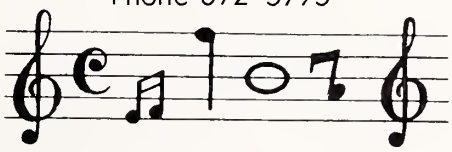

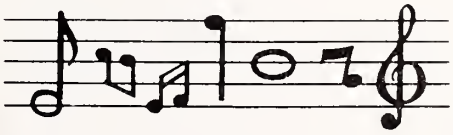

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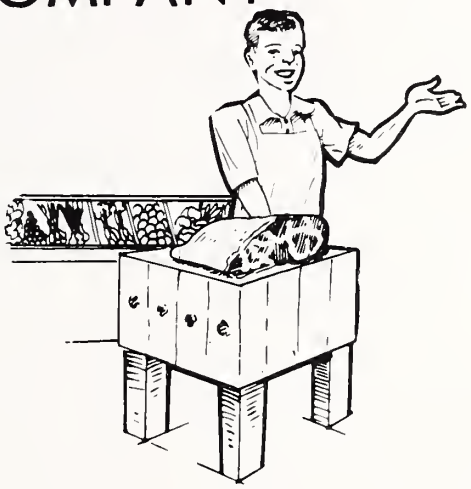

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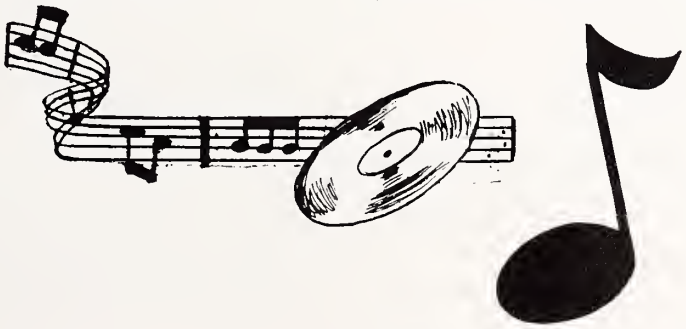

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